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*R E S O L V E D,*

THAT the Committee appointed to superintend the publication of the Journals of Congress be impowered and instructed to employ JOHN DUNLAP to continue to print the said Journals, instead of Robert Aitken.

*Extract from the Minutes,*

CHARLES THOMSON, Secretary.

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MONDAY, *January 1, 1776.*

A Letter from governor Trumbull, dated the twenty-third of December, being received, was read.

The Congress took into consideration the report of the committee on captain Selleck's petition, which was agreed to, as follows:

That they have maturely considered the petition, and have examined captain Simeon Selleck particularly thereon, and are of opinion, that the petitioner be allowed, as a compensation for his expences, trouble and risk in taking the goods at Turtlebay, for the use of the United Colonies, the sum of 333 dollars and one-third; and that the committee of Fairfield be directed to take into their possession, for the use of the said Colonies, all the goods taken by captain Selleck, which are not already delivered by him, and to forward the two boxes of saltpetre, now in captain Selleck's custody, to the powder-mill in Ulster county, to be manufactured into gun-powder, for the Continental service.

The Congress taking into consideration the report of the committee on Lord Stirling's letters, after debate thereon,

*Resolved*, That it be recommitted.

The Congress proceeded to the election of an adjutant for the battalion raised in Pennsylvania, and the ballots being taken, and examined,

John Patterfon was elected.

*Resolved*, That the President sign commissions to the field-officers appointed by the Provincial Congress of North-Carolina, to command the two battalions, directed to be raised in that colony by this Congress, and that such commissions bear like date with those issued to the said officers by the said Provincial Congress of North-Carolina.

*Resolved*, That, in case of vacancy occasioned by the death or removal of a colonel or inferior officer, the Provincial Convention of North-Carolina, or, in their recess, the Provincial Council, appoint another person to fill up such vacancy, until a commission shall issue from this Congress; and that they return to this Congress a list of the names of the person or persons so appointed.

The Delegates of New-York, having received new powers from their Convention, laid the same before Congress, as follows:

“ *In* PROVINCIAL CONGRESS, *New-York, December 21, 1775.*

“ *Resolved*, That the present Delegates of this colony in Continental Congress be requested to make such an arrangement among themselves, as that five of them only continue at Congress, and represent this colony at any one time; and that in case of the necessary absence of any one or two of the Delegates so attending, according to such arrangement, that three or four of them be a quorum, and enabled to represent the colony during such absence.

“ *A true Copy from the Minutes,*

JOHN M'KESSON, *Secretary.*”

The committee to whom the letters from General Washington, and the intercepted letters were referred, brought in their report, which being taken into consideration, the Congress came to the following resolutions.

*Resolved*, That the president of the Provincial council of North-Carolina, and of Georgia be requested to procure committees of their several bodies to repair immediately to Charles-town, and there to confer with a committee of the Council of Safety of South-Carolina upon weighty and important matters relative to the defence and security of these colonies.

*Resolved*, That it appears, the British ministry and their agents have meditated and are preparing to make attacks upon Charles-town in South-Carolina, and several places in Virginia and probably in North-Carolina; and that it be recommended to the conventions or committees of safety of the two former colonies, and to the Provincial Council of the other by all possible means to make a vigorous defence and opposition; and that it be farther recommended to the Committee of Safety of Virginia and the Provincial Council of North-Carolina to meet together and confer and conclude upon such operations, as they may think most for their mutual interest.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, *January 2, 1776.*

The committee of claims reported, that there is due,

To James Chambers, the sum of 25.8 dollars for his expences from Cambridge.

To

To Judah Alden, 50 dollars, advanced on account of expences in attending the French gentlemen.

*Ordered,* That the above be paid.

*Resolved,* That general Schuyler be directed to have brigadier general Prescott, lately made prisoner by the Continental forces in Canada, taken into custody, and safely and securely kept until the further orders of this Congress.

*Resolved,* That a copy of the above be sent immediately to general Schuyler; and that the general be informed by letter of the reasons which induced the Congress to give such orders.

The Committee of Claims reported, that there is due to Egbert Dumond, on account of expences in bringing the prisoners, taken at St. Johns, from Kingston, in New-York government, to Lancaster, in Pennsylvania, the sum of 2326.2 dollars.

*Ordered,* That the same be paid.

The Congress took into consideration the report of the committee on the petition of captains Paddock and Coffin, and after debate,

*Resolved,* That the prayer of said petition be not granted.

The committee on the state of New York brought in their report, which was read.

The report of captain Motte, with regard to the disposition of the officers taken prisoners at St. Johns, was laid before Congress, and read.

The committee, to whom the report on Lord Stirling's letters was recommitted, brought in their report, which being taken into consideration, the Congress thereupon came to the following resolutions.

*Resolved,* That the President acquaint his lordship, that the Congress has provided against the inconvenience of vexatious arrests of the men enlisted in the Continental service.

*Resolved,* That the barracks in the colony of New-Jersey be prepared for the reception of such of the battalions as may not be in readiness to proceed to New-York, and that the ministerial troops or prisoners at present occupying them, be accommodated in the said colony, in such manner as the Committee of Safety for said colony shall think most prudent and convenient.

That Mr. Lowry, the commissary, be directed to supply the said battalions with stockings, and that the delegates for the colony of New-Jersey transmit to Lord Stirling six dozen printed copies of the articles of war.

That considering not only the defenceless condition of the colony of New-Jersey for want of ammunition in case of an hostile invasion of that colony, but the evident want of the assistance of those battalions for the defence of New-York, where an attack of the enemy is most probably to be apprehended, a requisition be made

made by the Congress to the Committee of Safety of Pennsylvania of four hundred weight of powder for the said battalions.

That the same firewood, camp equipage and barrack utensils be allowed to each of the New-Jersey battalions as are allowed to the battalion raised in Pennsylvania.

That the hundred stand of arms supplied by the colony of New-York for the New-Jersey battalions, be paid for by the Convention of New-Jersey; and that, in order to enable the said Convention to make such payment, as well as to furnish such of the men belonging to the said battalions, as are yet unprovided, with arms, the farther sum of 1000 dollars be advanced to the said Convention; and that the price of the arms be deducted out of the wages of the privates belonging to the said battalions.

That Lord Stirling be directed to seize and secure all the ammunition and warlike stores belonging to the enemy, which now are or hereafter may be imported into the colony of New-Jersey, and keep them till he shall receive the orders of Congress respecting them: And further that he do, from time to time, give aid and protection to all the friends of America, who may be employed in importing into the said colony ammunition, or other commodities not prohibited by the association and resolves of this Congress.

Whereas it has been represented to this Congress, that divers honest and well meaning, but un-informed, people in these Colonies have, by the art and address of ministerial agents, been deceived and drawn into erroneous opinions respecting the American cause, and the probable issue of the present contest;

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the different Committees, and other friends to American liberty, in the said Colonies, to treat all such persons with kindness and attention; to consider them as the inhabitants of a country determined to be free, and to view their errors as proceeding rather from want of information than want of virtue or public spirit; to explain to them the origin, nature and extent of the present controversy; to acquaint them with the fate of the numerous petitions presented to his majesty, as well by Assemblies as Congresses, for reconciliation and redress of grievances; and that the last from this Congress, humbly requesting the single favour of being heard, like all the others, has proved unsuccessful; to unfold to them the various arts of administration to ensnare and enslave us, and the manner in which we have been cruelly driven to defend, by arms, those very rights, liberties and estates, which we and our forefathers had so long enjoyed unmolested in the reigns of his present majesty's predecessors. And it is hereby recommended to all Conventions and Assemblies in these Colonies liberally to distribute among the people the proceedings of this and the former Congress, the late speeches of the great patriots in both houses of parliament relative to American grievances,



grievances, and such other pamphlets and papers as tend to elucidate the merits of the American cause, the Congress being fully persuaded that the more our right to the enjoyment of our ancient liberties and privileges is examined, the more just and necessary our present opposition to ministerial tyranny will appear.

And with respect to all such unworthy Americans as, regardless of their duty to their Creator, their country and their posterity, have taken part with our oppressors, and, influenced by the hope or possession of ignominious rewards, strive to recommend themselves to the bounty of administration, by misrepresenting and traducing the conduct and principles of the friends of American liberty, and opposing every measure formed for its preservation and security.

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the different Assemblies, Conventions and Committees or Councils of Safety in the United Colonies, by the most speedy and effectual measures to frustrate the mischievous machinations, and restrain the wicked practices of these men: And it is the opinion of this Congress, that they ought to be disarmed, and the more dangerous among them either kept in safe custody, or bound with sufficient sureties to their good behaviour.

And in order that the said Assemblies, Conventions, Committees or Councils of Safety may be enabled with greater ease and facility to carry this resolution into execution,

*Resolved*, That they be authorized to call to their aid whatever Continental troops, stationed in or near their respective Colonies, may be conveniently spared from their more immediate duty; and the commanding officers of such troops are hereby directed to afford the said Assemblies, Conventions, Committees or Councils of Safety all such assistance in executing this resolution, as they may require, and which, consistent with the good of the service, may be supplied.

*Resolved*, That all detachments of Continental troops, which may be ordered on the business in the foregoing resolution mentioned, be, while so employed, under the direction and controul of the Assemblies, Conventions, Committees or Councils of Safety aforesaid.

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to all the United Colonies, to aid each other (on request from their respective Assemblies, Conventions, Committees, or Councils of safety and County Committees) on every emergency, and to cultivate, cherish and increase the present happy and necessary union, by a continual interchange of mutual good offices.

And whereas the execrable barbarity, with which this unhappy war has been conducted on the part of our enemies, such as burning our defenceless towns and villages, exposing their inhabitants, without regard to sex or age, to all the miseries which loss of property,

perty, the rigour of the season, and inhuman devastation can inflict, exciting domestic insurrections and murders, bribing savages to desolate our frontiers, and casting such of us as the fortune of war has put in their power, into goals, there to languish in irons and in want, compelling the inhabitants of Boston, in violation of the treaty, to remain confined within the town exposed to the insolence of the soldiery, and other enormities, at the mention of which decency and humanity will ever blush, may justly provoke the inhabitants of these Colonies to retaliate,

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to them to continue mindful that humanity ought to distinguish the brave, that cruelty should find no admission among a free people, and to take care that no page in the annals of America be stained by a recital of any action which justice or christianity may condemn, and to rest assured that whenever retaliation may be necessary or tend to their security, this Congress will undertake the disagreeable task.

*Resolved*, That the Assemblies, Conventions, or Committees, or Councils of safety be requested forthwith to transmit to this Congress, copies of all the petitions, memorials, and remonstrances, which have been by the respective colonies presented to the throne or either house of parliament, since the year 1762, and that they also inform the Congress, whether any and what answers were given to them.

*Resolved*, That Mr. Bartlett be appointed one of the Committee of claims, in the room of Mr. Langdon, and Mr. S. Adams, in the room of Mr. Cushing, who have leave of absence.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, *January 3, 1776.*

A letter from general Washington, dated the 25th of December, with sundry papers enclosed, was read.

The Committee of safety for Pennsylvania having recommended sundry gentlemen to be field officers of the four battalions ordered to be raised in said colony, the Congress proceeded to the election of colonels, and the ballots being taken and examined, the following gentlemen were chosen,

Arthur St. Clair, Esq. John Shee, Esq. Anthony Waine, Esq. Robert Magaw, Esq.

The Congress taking into consideration the report of the Secret Committee, came to the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That the following goods and stores ought to be imported as soon as possible, for the use of the United Colonies, viz.

60,000 striped blankets.

120,000 yards of  $\frac{6}{4}$  cloths, brown and blue, from 3s to 6s ster.

10,000 yards of do. different colours for facings, at 4s.

3,000 pieces of duffils, or some such cloth.

100 m. sorted needles.

50 m. do. none fine.  
 10 m. do. for sail-cloth.  
 3,000 pieces of raven's duck.  
 3,000 pieces ticklenburgs.  
 1,500 pieces oznaburgs.  
 1,000 pieces vitrey.  
 4,000 pieces Hamburg dowlas.  
 20,000 stand of arms.  
 300 tons of lead.  
 1,000,000 of flints.

1500 boxes of tin, and wire properly sorted for it.

Medicines, surgeon's instruments, lint and bandages, in the whole to the amount of £ 2000 sterling.

500 sheets of copper of different sorts.

*Resolved*, That the Secret Committee be empowered and directed to pursue the most effectual measures for importing the foregoing articles.

*Resolved*, That the farther consideration of this report be postponed.

The Committee of claims reported that there is due,

To capt. Edward Motte, for expences, &c. in conducting the prisoners taken at St. John's, from Kingston, in the colony of New-York, to Lancaster, in Pennsylvania, a ballance of 367.7 dollars.

To Robert Erwin, waggon-master, for carriage of cloathing and medicines to Dobb's ferry and to Cambridge, 222.6 dollars.

*Ordered*, That the said accounts be paid.

The Committee on the state of New-York brought in a farther report, which being taken into consideration, was agreed to as follows:

Whereas a majority of the inhabitants of Queen's county, in the colony of New-York, being incapable of resolving to live and die freemen, and being more disposed to quit their liberties than part with the little proportion of their property necessary to defend them, have deserted the American cause, by refusing to send deputies as usual to the Convention of that colony; and avowing, by a public declaration, an unmanly design of remaining inactive spectators of the present contest, vainly flattering themselves, perhaps, that should providence declare for our enemies, they may purchase their mercy and favour at an easy rate; and on the other hand, if the war should terminate in favour of America, that then they may enjoy, without expence of blood or treasure, all the blessings resulting from that liberty, which they, in the day of trial had abandoned, and in defence of which, many of their more virtuous neighbours and countrymen had nobly died: and although the want of public spirit observable in these men rather excites pity than alarm, there being little danger to apprehend either from their

their prowess or example, yet it being reasonable, that those who refuse to defend their country, should be excluded from its protection, and prevented from doing it injury.

*Resolved*, That all such persons in Queen's county aforesaid, as voted against sending deputies to the present Convention of New-York, and named in a list of delinquents in Queen's county, published by the Convention of New-York, be put out of the protection of the United Colonies, and that all trade and intercourse with them cease; that none of the inhabitants of that county be permitted to travel or abide in any part of these United Colonies, out of their said county, without a certificate from the Convention or Committee of safety of the colony of New-York, setting forth, that such inhabitant is a friend to the American cause, and not of the number of those who voted against sending deputies to the said Convention; and that such of the said inhabitants as shall be found out of the said county without such certificate, be apprehended and imprisoned three months.

*Resolved*, That no attorney or lawyer ought to commence, prosecute, or defend any action at law of any kind, for any of the said inhabitants of Queen's county, who voted against sending deputies to the Convention, as aforesaid; and such attorney or lawyer as shall contravene this resolution, are enemies to the American cause, and ought to be treated accordingly.

*Resolved*, That the Convention or Committee of safety of the colony of New-York be requested to continue publishing for a month, in all their Gazettes or news-papers, the names of all such of the inhabitants of Queen's county, as voted against sending deputies; and to give certificates, in the manner before recommended, to such others of the said inhabitants, as are friends to American liberty.

And it is recommended to all Conventions, Committees of safety, and others, to be diligent in executing the above resolutions.

*Resolved*, That colonel Nathaniel Heard of Woodbridge, in the colony of New-Jersey, taking with him five or six hundred minute-men, under discreet officers, do march to the western part of Queen's county, and that colonel Waterbury of Stanford, in the colony of Connecticut, with the like number of minute-men, march to the eastern side of said county; that they confer together, and endeavour to enter the said county on one day; that they proceed to disarm every person in the said county, who voted against sending deputies to the said Convention, and cause them to deliver up their arms and ammunition on oath, and that they take and confine, in safe custody, till further orders, all such as refuse compliance.

That they apprehend and secure, till further orders, the persons named as principal men among the disaffected in the said county, in a summons for their appearance before the Convention of New-York, issued the 12th of December last, viz.

Of



Of Jamaica township, capt. Benjamin Whitehead, Charles Arden, Joseph French, Esq. Johannes Polhemus.

Newtown, Nathaniel Moor, John Moor, sen. Samuel Hallet, John Moor, jun. William Weyman, John Shoals, Jeromus Rapalje. Flushing, John Willet.

Hamstead, Justice Gilbert Van Wyck, Daniel Kiffam, Esq. of Cowneck, capt. Jacob Mott, Thomas Cornhill, of Rockaway, Gabriel G. Ludlow, Richard Hewlet, capt. Charles Hicks, Dr. Samuel Martin, Justice Samuel Clowes.

Oyster-bay, Justice Thomas Smith, of Hog-island, Justice John Hewlet, capt. George Weeks, Dr. David Brooks, Justice John Townsend,

and all such other persons who shall be found in arms, or who shall oppose the carrying the above resolutions into effect, as the said colonel Heard or colonel Waterbury may think prudent to detain.

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the said colonel Heard and colonel Waterbury, to execute the business intrusted to them by the foregoing resolutions, with all possible dispatch, secrecy, order, and humanity.

*Resolved*, That the sum of 500 dollars be forthwith transmitted, with certified copies of these resolutions to each of them the said colonel Heard and colonel Waterbury, and that they on their return report to this Congress a true state of their expenditure and proceedings.

A letter from the Committee of Frederic, in Maryland, brought by the officer who had the charge of bringing down Connolly and his associates, was laid before Congress, and read.

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the Committee of safety of Pennsylvania to carry into execution the resolution of Congress for confining said Connolly and his associates in the goal of Philadelphia, and that they take their examination.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, January 4, 1776.

*Resolved*, That an additional battalion be raised in the county of Cumberland, in the colony of Pennsylvania, to consist of the same number of men and officers, and to have the same pay and allowance as the others raised in said colony.

*Resolved*, That one company of each of the five battalions last ordered to be raised in Pennsylvania, consist of expert riflemen.

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the Committee of safety of Pennsylvania to see the foregoing resolutions carried into execution.

*Resolved*, That in all elections of officers by Congress, where more than one are elected on the same day to commands of the same rank, they shall take rank of each other according to their election, and the entry of their names in the minutes, and their commissions shall be numbered to shew their priority.

The Congress then proceeded to the election of other field-offi-

cers of the four battalions ordered to be raised in Pennsylvania, and the ballots being taken and examined, the following gentlemen were chosen,

Lieutenant-colonels, Lambert Cadwallader, William Allen, jun. Francis Johnson, Joseph Penrose, Esqrs.

Majors, Joseph Wood, George Nagle, Henry Bicker, Nicholas Hausicker, Esqrs.

The Committee of claims report that there is due,

To James Whitehead, for provisions for the prisoners taken on board the Rebecca and Mary, the sum of 64 dollars.

To the Committee of New-Brunswick, per account rendered the sum of 214.9 dollars, to be paid to William Livingston, Esq; and by him forwarded to the said Committee.

To Furman and Hunt, of Trenton, for provisions, horse hire, &c. the sum of 68.2 dollars.

To the Committee of inspection and observation of the city and liberties of Philadelphia, for 187,046 flints, by them purchased agreeable to the order of Congress the sum of 737 dollars.

To sundry persons, per list, for signing the Continental bills of credit, the sum of 1165.7 dollars, and that an order be given to the treasurers for the payment of the same, agreeable to the said list.

To the Committee of Frederic-Town, Maryland, for expences incurred by Connolly, Cameron and Smith, during their confinement, the sum of 74 dollars, and that the same be paid to the delegates of Maryland.

*Ordered*, That the said accounts be paid accordingly.

*Resolved*, That a Commissary be appointed to provide the three companies ordered to Northampton, in Virginia, with rations while on their march, and during their stay in that country.

That the appointment of said commissary be deferred till to-morrow.

The Congress resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on the state of New-York; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the same be postponed till to-morrow, and that the delegates of New-York be desired to request the attendance of the gentlemen sent to Congress by the Convention of their colony.

*Resolved*, That major Preston have liberty to chuse the place of his residence consistent with former resolutions of Congress, and that the president take his parole.

The Committee appointed to consider what allowance ought to be made to officers who are prisoners, brought in their report.

*Ordered*, That the same be taken into consideration on Saturday next.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, January 5, 1776.

There being a vacancy in the first of the Pennsylvania battalions by

by the promotion of capt. Allen, the Congress proceeded to the election of a person to supply said vacancy, and the ballots being taken, Benjamin Davis, oldest lieutenant in said battalion, was elected.

*Resolved*, That the sum of ten thousand dollars be struck, for the purpose of exchanging ragged and torn bills of the Continental currency; that the bills, making this sum, be of the same denominations, printed under the inspection of the same persons, and signed and numbered by the same signers, as the last emission, and that they be lodged in the treasury, to be applied to the sole purpose aforesaid.

*Resolved*, That all Committees, and others, who have had public money put into their hands, lay upon the table an account of the expenditure of the same.

The Committee appointed to consider the letter of gen. Washington, dated the 18th of December, and the enclosed papers, brought in a report upon that part which relates to James Lovell, who has long been, and still is, detained a close prisoner in Boston by order of gen. Howe, which being taken into consideration, was agreed to, and is as follows,

That it appears to your Committee, that the said Mr. Lovell hath, for years past, been an able advocate for the liberties of America and mankind; that by his letter to gen. Washington, which is a part of said enclosed papers, he exhibits so striking an instance of disinterested patriotism, as strongly recommends him to the particular notice of this Continent.

Whereupon *Resolved*, That Mr. James Lovell, an inhabitant of Boston, now held a close prisoner there, by order of gen. Howe, has discovered under the severest trials the warmest attachment to public liberty, and an inflexible fidelity to his country; that by his late letter to gen. Washington, he has given the strongest evidence of disinterested public affection, in refusing to listen to terms offered for his relief, till he could be informed by his countrymen that they were compatible with their safety and honour.

*Resolved*, That it is deeply to be regretted that a British general can be found degenerate enough so ignominiously and cruelly to treat a citizen, who is so eminently virtuous.

*Resolved*, That it be an instruction to gen. Washington to make an offer of gov. Skene in exchange for the said Mr. Lovell and his family.

*Resolved*, That gen. Washington be desired to embrace the first opportunity which may offer, of giving some office to Mr. Lovell equal to his abilities, and which the public service may require.

*Ordered*, That a copy of the foregoing resolutions be transmitted to the general as speedily as possible.

*Resolved*, That the president write to gen. Washington, and desire him to inform Congress what rank the aids de-camp of the general

ral officers. should have in the army of the United Colonies.

The Committee of claims reported, that there is due to Adam Fisher, for expences attending his conducting Conolly and Cameron from Frederic, in Maryland, to Philadelphia, and his charges back again for himself and the men, the sum of 156 dollars.

*Ordered*, That the same be paid.

The Congress having conferred with the gentlemen sent by the Convention of New-York, resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on the state of that colony, and the same was agreed to.

Whereupon, *Resolved*, That no farther fortifications be erected at Martler's-Rock, on Hudsons river, and that a point of land at Puplopen's kill, on the said river, be, without delay, effectually fortified.

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the Convention, or in their recess to the Committee of Safety, of New-York, to carry into execution the above resolution.

*Resolved*, That the delegates of New-Jersey and Connecticut be directed to take the necessary steps for carrying into execution the resolutions of Congress passed on Wednesday last, respecting the inhabitants of Queens county.

A memorial from the inhabitants of the town of Newport was presented to Congress, and read.

*Ordered*, That the same be referred for consideration till to-morrow.

*Resolved*, That Mr. Paine be added to the Committee on general Schuyler's letters.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

SATURDAY, January 6, 1776.

Information being given to Congress that a quantity of powder was arrived at Great-Egg-Harbour; of which a part was addressed to Congress by Mr. Parsons, a part consigned to Mr. Webster of Philadelphia, and a part to another gentleman in said city.

*Resolved*, That the secret Committee be directed to get the powder addressed to Congress removed to Philadelphia, and to purchase, for the use of the United Colonies the other parcels of powder.

*Resolved*, That one ton of the powder arrived be delivered to the Committee for fitting out armed vessels, for the use of said armed vessels.

A letter from the Committee of Lancaster, dated the 3d of January, was received, and read.

Also a letter from an officer in Lisbon, dated the 23d of October last.

*Resolved*, That these letters, as well as the last received from Lancaster and those formerly received from Lisbon, be referred to the Committee of correspondence.

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The Congress resumed the consideration of the memorial from the inhabitants of Newport, and the papers accompanying it; and thereupon came to the following resolution,

*Resolved*, That the said memorial be referred to the consideration of the General Assembly of the colony of Rhode-Island.

The Committee to whom it was referred to consider how the share of prizes, allotted to the captors, ought to be divided between the officers and men, brought in their report, which being taken into consideration, was agreed to as follows.

*Resolved*, That the commander in chief have one-twentieth part of the said allotted prize-money taken by any ship or ships, armed vessel or vessels, under his orders and command.

That the captain of any single ship or armed vessel, have two twentieth parts for his share, but if more ships or armed vessels be in company when a prize is taken, then the two twentieth parts to be divided amongst all the said captains.

That the captains of marines, lieutenants of the ships or armed vessels, and masters thereof share together, and have three-twentieth parts divided among them equally or all prizes taken when they are in company.

That the lieutenants of marines, surgeons, chaplains, purfers, boatswains, gunners, carpenters, the masters mates and the secretary of the fleet share together, and have two twentieth parts and one half of a twentieth part divided among them, equally of all prizes taken when they are in company.

That the following petty warrant and petty officers *viz.* (allowing for each ship six midshipmen, for each brig four midshipmen, and each sloop two midshipmen, one captain's clerk, one surgeon's mate, one steward, one sailmaker, one cooper, one armorer, two boatswain's mates, two gunners mates, two carpenters mates, one cook, one cockswain, two sergeants of marines for each ship, and one sergeant for each brig and sloop) have three-twentieth parts divided among them equally, and when a prize is taken by any ship or vessel on board or in company of which the commander in chief is, then the commander in chief's cook or cockswain to be added to this allotment, and have their shares with these last mentioned.

That the remaining eight-twentieth parts and one half of the twentieth part, be divided among the rest of the ship or ships companies, as it may happen, share and share alike.

That no officer or man have any share but such as are actually on board their several vessels when any prize or prizes are taken, excepting only such as may have been ordered on board any other prizes before taken, or sent away by his or their commanding officers.

The Committee on gen. Schuyler's letters, &c. brought in a farther report which was read.

*Resolved*, That the consideration thereof be postponed to Monday next.

A letter from gen. Schuyler, dated the 30th of December, enclosing copies of letters from gen. Montgomery and gen. Wooster being received, was read.

Adjourned to Monday next, at ten o'clock.

MONDAY, January 8, 1776.

A letter from general Schuyler, dated the 26th of December, enclosing a copy of a letter from general Montgomery, dated December 5th, and a list of the ordinance sent to Cambridge, also a letter from Baltimore, enclosing an affidavit of captain Horn, being received, were read.

The Congress taking into consideration the report of the Committee on general Schuyler's letters, thereupon came to the following resolutions,

*Resolved*, That shipwrights be immediately sent from New-York and Philadelphia to general Schuyler, or the commander in chief of the forces at Ticonderoga, to be employed by him in constructing a number of batteaus, not exceeding one hundred, for transporting troops with their baggage from that place into Canada, whenever it may be found necessary.

That a sufficient number of suitable men be engaged for rowing said batteaus; and that a large quantity of provisions and stores be sent this winter to fort George.

That general Schuyler be desired to have the river St. Lawrence, above and below Quebec, well explored, and to determine upon proper places for opposing by armed boats, or otherwise, any attempts of the enemy to penetrate that country by the river; and that he give order for constructing speedily as many such boats as he shall judge necessary.

That two shipwrights be immediately sent from Philadelphia to be employed under the direction of the Committee of Inspection at Albany, in constructing scows for facilitating the passage over Hudson's river.

*Resolved*, That the provision heretofore made for an hospital in the northern army when it was more numerous than it is now, is sufficient.

*Resolved*, That the Convention of New-York be desired to send three thousand bushels of salt, besides what general Schuyler hath already ordered to be brought to Ticonderoga.

*Resolved*, That the governor of Connecticut, the general assemblies of Massachusetts-Bay and New-Hampshire and the convention of New-York, be written to forthwith, by the delegates of the said colonies respectively, to furnish general Schuyler with the account of money paid to any persons in the army under his command, specifying the names of those to whom the money was paid by their order.

*Resolved*, That the contract made by general Schuyler to allow one

one twelfth part of a dollar per day, for billeting money to every one of the men, who re-enlist in the northern army, until they can march to the place, where provisions may be delivered to them, be made good.

*Resolved*, That the officers of the northern army be accountable for such public stores issued to them, as may be lost through carelessness by their respective corps, and that the value thereof be deducted out of the pay of those who have embezzled or wasted the same.

*Resolved*, That this Congress does approve of the raising a battalion of Canadians and of the appointment of James Livingston, Esq; colonel thereof.

*Resolved*, That nine battalions, including that of Canadians under colonel Livingston, be kept up and maintained the present year for the defence of Canada.

*Resolved*, That the first Pennsylvania battalion under colonel Bull, and the second New-Jersey battalion under colonel Maxwell, be ordered to march immediately to Albany, and there put themselves under the command of general Schuyler, and that the orders given for the march of three companies of colonel Bull's battalion to Accamack and Northampton be countermanded.

And to make up the rest of the battalions voted for the defence of Canada, that one battalion be raised in New-Hampshire, one in Connecticut and one in New-York; that two battalions be formed out of the troops now in Canada, and that general Montgomery be desired to recommend proper persons for officers in said battalions; and that one of the five battalions lately ordered to be raised in Pennsylvania, be destined for Canada.

*Resolved*, That a Committee of three be appointed to devise ways and means for furnishing the battalions destined for Canada, with provisions, and for expediting their march.

The members chosen, Mr. Floyd, Mr. Deane and Mr. McKean.

*Resolved*, That the farther consideration of the report be deferred till to-morrow.

Information being given to Congress that about fifty-seven tons of salt-petre were arrived at Philadelphia and about fifteen tons of powder at New-York for sale.

*Resolved*, That the secret committee be directed to treat for the purchase of the salt-petre and enquire how it may be most speedily manufactured into powder and report to Congress.

That Mr. P. Livingston, Mr. Alsop, Mr. Jay and Mr. Lewis be directed to purchase, on the best terms they can, for the use of the United Colonies, the powder arrived at New-York, and forward the same with all possible expedition, under a guard to the camp at Cambridge.

*Resolved*, That the Convention or Committee of Safety of Maryland

ryland be requested to order three companies of the minute-men in the service of that colony to march immediately from thence to the counties of Accamack and Northampton, in Virginia, instead of the forces that were directed to go thither from Pennsylvania, and to lay before Congress the accounts of their subsistence and pay, which shall be paid out of the Continental treasury.

*Resolved*, That the Committee of Safety of Pennsylvania be desired to send five hundred pounds weight of powder to the colony of Virginia for the use of the forces to be employed in the counties of Accamack and Northampton.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, January 9, 1776.

A letter from Mr. M. Tilghman, with sundry papers inclosed, also some dispatches from governor Franklin, and a letter from C. Skinner, which were intercepted, were laid before Congress, and read.

*Resolved*, That a letter be written to Mr. Tilghman, informing him that the Hornet and Wasp are under orders to sail to the capes of Delaware, and that such vessels, as are ready to sail, may take the benefit of that convoy.

That the Committee for fitting out armed vessels be directed to give orders to the captains of the Hornet and Wasp to take under their convoy such vessels as are ready to sail.

The Committee of Claims reported that there is due,

To Michael Conolly, for expences in conducting captain John Livingston and lieutenant Anstruther from Kingston to Lancaster, the sum of 250. dollars.

To Richard Butler, for necessaries furnished to five Indians, the sum of 49.3 dollars.

To Joseph Copperthwaite, the sum of 419.6 dollars, for expences in conducting cash to Cambridge.

*Ordered*, That the above be paid.

*Resolved*, That a Committee of three be appointed to enquire into the conduct of the officers who are prisoners, and the manner in which they are at present subsisted, and report thereon.

The members chosen, Mr. W. Livingston, Mr. Dyer, and Mr. Floyd.

*Ordered*, That a certified copy of the intercepted letter of Mr. Cortland Skinner be sent to the Committee of Safety for New-Jersey.

That orders be sent to lord Stirling to take with him a sufficient force, and immediately apprehend and keep in safe custody the said Cortland Skinner, of Amboy, till further orders from this Congress.

That



That he carry said Cortland Skinner before the Committee of Safety of the colony of New-Jersey for examination.

That the said Committee be desired to transmit his examination to Congress.

*Resolved*, That the militia raised in the counties of Orange and Ulster, in the colony of New-York, by order of the Congress, for the support of the fort lately erected on Hudson's river, be discharged, except those stationed in the fort, who shall also be discharged whenever other troops arrive there to supply their places; and that it be recommended to the Committee of Safety of said colony to see that this resolve be carried into execution.

*Resolved*, That 500,000 dollars be sent to the pay-master general for the use of the army in the Massachusetts-Bay.

That the Delegates of Pennsylvania be directed to count and forward the same with all convenient speed under a guard of an officer and two men.

The Congress resuming the consideration of the report of the Committee on general Schuyler's letters, &c. thereupon came to the following resolutions,

*Resolved*, That colonel V. Schaick, lieutenant colonel Yates, and major Gansevoort be continued in the service of the United Colonies, and that they take the command of the battalion to be levied in the colony of New-York.

That captain Lamb be appointed commander of the artillery in the northern department with the rank of major, and that he be allowed 50 dollars per month from the first day of the present month, as a reward for his activity and spirited conduct in the last campaign.

That no postage be paid for any letters to or from private soldiers, while engaged in actual service in the defence of the United Colonies; and that such letters be franked by some person authorized for that purpose, by the commanding officer of the department.

That a letter be written to general Schuyler by the President, informing him, that it is the opinion of Congress, he should proceed to have the conduct of lieutenant Halfey enquired into by a court-martial, giving him previous notice to appear in his own defence, and that such sentence should be passed on him, as such court martial shall think just, and if the said lieutenant Halfey shall decline to submit his conduct to such examination and sentence, that then all arrears of pay due to him be stopped; to enable him to give discharges to such officers as have quitted the service; to assure him that we have great confidence in his attention to the public interest, and rely that he will give to the proper officers in his department such orders, as will procure indemnification to the public for any embezzlement or waste of its stores, or monies; to empower him to remit to such of the troops raised in



the colony of New-York, as may re-inlist, any right we may have to stop wages for under cloaths delivered to them; to desire he will communicate to Mr. Price the sense this Congress have of his friendly offices to general Montgomery, in favour of the American cause, to return him our thanks for the same, and assure him immediate measures shall be taken for replacing the monies he has advanced; to notify to colonel Easton our approbation of his late services, and that we shall retain in our minds a just sense of them.

That general Schuyler be directed to appoint Mr. John M<sup>r</sup>Pherson a major in one of the battalions ordered to be raised out of the troops in Canada.

That a conductor of artillery, a superintendant of the arms, a barrack-master, and store-keeper be appointed to the northern army, and that general Schuyler be desired to recommend proper persons to Congress for those offices.

That the deputy pay-master general have liberty to appoint under him two assistant pay-masters, who shall each receive 26½ dollars per month, for their trouble and services.

That all the officers and soldiers in the northern department be paid in person by the deputy pay-master general, or the assistants to be appointed by him in consequence of the foregoing resolve.

That a communication be forthwith opened between Skenesborough and fort Ann, and that Woodcreek be cleared for that purpose.

That it be recommended to the Committee of safety of the province of New-York to appoint proper persons to enquire into the propriety and practicability of obstructing or lessening the depth of water in the Narrows, or in any other place at the entrance of New-York, or of any way of fortifying that pass, so as to prevent the entrance of the enemy; and also to enquire whether the depth of water in Hudson's river, below the battery, may not easily be lessened, so as to prevent large ships passing up, and to make an estimate of the expence, and report their proceedings in the premises immediately to Congress.

That to-morrow be assigned for the choice of two brigadier generals, viz. one for the army in Massachusetts-Bay, and the other for the army in the northern department.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, January 10, 1776.

A letter from Rachel Stelle, with an account for the subsistence of officers, was laid before Congress.

*Ordered*, That the same be referred to the committee on the conduct of officers, &c.

*Resolved*, That the commissioners for Indian affairs in the northern department be directed to pay the rev. Mr. Wheelock 500 dollars, agreeable to a resolution of Congress passed the 12th day of July last.

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The committee appointed to devise ways and means for facilitating the march of the battalions destined for Canada, brought in their report, which was read, and the Congress therewith concurring,

*Resolved*, That three first lieutenants, eight second lieutenants, one ensign, and a quarter-master, be appointed to supply the vacancies in colonel Bull's battalion.

That for the said battalion there be provided 688 caps, 688 pair of mittens, 688 pair of stockings, 688 pair of leggings, 688 pair of shoes, 688 haversacks, 688 flings for firelocks, 1200 shirts, 688 waistcoats, 500 pair of breeches, 300 blankets, 64 pitching axes, and 9 baggage waggons.

That for colonel Maxwell's battalion there be provided 688 haversacks, 688 cartouch boxes, and cross belts, 688 tomahawks, 64 pitching axes, and 9 baggage waggons.

That both battalions be paid up to the first day of February next.

That the battalions march by companies, and that the companies follow each other at the distance of one day's march; that the quarter-masters and commissaries precede their respective battalions a few days, in order to provide lodgings and provisions on the road.

That the colonels be allowed six rations.

Lieutenant-colonels, five ditto.

Majors, 4 ditto.

Captains, 3 ditto.

Subaltern and staff officers, two ditto,  
or money in lieu thereof.

That it be recommended to the Committee of safety of Pennsylvania to supply colonel Bull's battalion with the foregoing articles, or such of them as they have not already provided them with, agreeable to former resolutions of Congress; and that all the articles furnished the men, more than those allowed in lieu of bounty, be deducted out of their pay.

That Thomas Lowry be directed to provide the articles for colonel Maxwell's battalion, and that all the articles furnished the men, more than those allowed in lieu of bounty, be deducted out of their pay.

*Resolved*, That an order be drawn on the treasurers in favour of Thomas Lowry, for the sum of 35,000 dollars, for the use of the battalions raised in New-Jersey, he to be accountable for the same.

Agreeable to the order of the day, the Congress proceeded to the election of two brigadier generals, and the ballots being taken and examined, Joseph Fry, Esq. was elected for the army in the Massachusetts Bay, Benedict Arnold, Esq. for the army in the northern department.

The Committee of safety for Pennsylvania, having recommended

ed a number of persons for field officers to the sixth battalion ordered to be raised in said colony, the Congress proceeded to the election, and the ballots being taken and examined,

William Irwine, Esq. was elected colonel,  
Thomas Hartley, Esq. lieutenant-colonel,  
James Dunlap, Esq. major.

*Resolved*, That another battalion be raised in New-Jersey, on the same terms as the other two raised in the said colony.

*Resolved*, That the pay of the troops serving in and destined for Canada, be the same as that of the army at Cambridge; and that this pay commence to the Pennsylvania and New-Jersey battalions, from the time they set out on their march to Canada.

The Congress considering the great distance from colonel Heard to colonel Waterbury, the difficulty of co-operating with each other in their expedition into Queen's county, thereupon,

*Resolved*, That lord Stirling be desired to furnish colonel Heard with three companies under his command, who are to join colonel Heard with the minute-men by him raised, and proceed as soon as may be on the expedition into Queen's county, for which colonel Heard and colonel Waterbury were appointed, and that colonel Heard be desired to send immediately an express to colonel Waterbury with a copy of this resolution, and inform him that his service will not be required on this occasion.

*Resolved*, That a committee of five be appointed to take into consideration the state of these Colonies, and report as soon as possible what number of forces in their opinion will be necessary for the defence of the same.

The members chosen, Mr. Duane, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Hooper, Mr. E. Rutledge, and Mr. Wilson.

*Resolved*, That the colony of North-Carolina be supplied with one ton of powder by the Secret Committee.

The Committee of claims reported that there is due,

To the Committee of the upper district of Frederic county, Maryland, the sum of 800.1 dollars, to be paid to Daniel Hester; of which 571 dollars to be charged to captain Cressop's company, 77½ dollars to captain Price's company, and the remainder to the Continent.

To Furman and Hunt, for provisions, &c. furnished to prisoners, the sum of 178.2 dollars.

To William Shad, for attendance as messenger to the 4th of December, 1775, the sum of 52 dollars.

*Ordered*, That the said accounts be paid.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, January 11, 1776.

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the Convention or Committee of safety of New-York, to endeavour to obtain a release of lieutenant



lieutenant Tiley, of brigadier Wooster's regiment, now confined on board the *Asia* man of war, by exchanging for him an officer of the same rank of the British troops in our custody.

*Resolved*, That a Committee of three be appointed to prepare instructions to the officers in the recruiting service.

The members chosen, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Dyer, and Mr. Harrison.

The Congress taking into consideration the report of the Committee on the bills of credit, emitted by this Congress, thereupon came to the following resolution,

Whereas it appears to this Congress that several evil disposed persons, in order to obstruct and defeat the efforts of the United Colonies, in defence of their just rights, have attempted to depreciate the bills of credit emitted by the authority of this Congress,

*Resolved*, therefore, That if any person shall hereafter be so lost to all virtue and regard for his country, as to refuse to receive said bills in payment, or obstruct and discourage the currency or circulation thereof, and shall be duly convicted by the Committee of the city, county, or district, or in case of appeal from their decision, by the Assembly, Convention, Council or Committee of safety of the colony where he shall reside, such person shall be deemed, published, and treated as an enemy of his country, and precluded from all trade or intercourse with the inhabitants of these colonies.

*Ordered*, That the foregoing resolve be immediately published.

*Resolved*, That an order be drawn on the treasurers, in favour of the Committee of Safety of Pennsylvania, for the sum of 6000 dollars, for the use of the first Pennsylvania battalion, the said Committee to be accountable for the same.

A representation of the field officers of the Pennsylvania battalions, setting forth the inconveniencies that will arise from the battalions consisting of seven battalion-companies, was presented to Congress and read.

*Ordered*, That the same be referred for consideration till to-morrow.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, January 12, 1776.

The Committee of claims reported that there is due,

To Henry Dewson, for provisions to captain Ross's company, the sum of 27.5 dollars.

From Turbett Francis, Esq. one of the commissioners for Indian affairs in the northern department, a ballance in his hands amounting to 194 dollars.

To Volkert P. Douw, another of the commissioners of said department, expences attending the treaty at Albany, a ballance amounting to 2171.9 dollars, and that there will remain in his hands two matrassee, about fifteen gallons of wine, some spirits, and some boards, belonging to the colonies.

*Ordered*,

*Ordered*, That the sums due to Henry Dewson, and Volkert P. Douw, Esq. be paid; the latter through the hands of James Duane, Esq.

The Committee appointed to enquire into the conduct of the officers who are prisoners, and the manner in which they are at present subsisted, brought in their report, which was agreed to, as follows:

*Resolved*, That the conduct of the officers at Trenton, though in other respects unexceptionable, is, as to their manner of living, exceedingly extravagant, they being boarded at taverns, and the innkeepers supplying them in a luxurious manner, on the credit of the Continent.

That the Congress will, for the future, allow 2 dollars per week for the board and lodgings of officers, who are prisoners (for which sum they may have decent lodgings) to be repaid by the officers before they are released from their captivity.

That the accounts of the several innkeepers against the officers be paid by the Continent, which are also to be repaid by the said officers before their discharge.

That no tavern keeper supply the said officers for the future on the credit of the Continent.

That the officers now at Trenton be directed to remove to some other place at a proper distance from the public post-road.

That the officers at Trenton have liberty to chuse the places of their residence, the choice being made consistent with former resolutions of Congress.

That a copy of the above resolutions, together with a copy of the resolution granting officers liberty to sell bills for their subsistence, be transmitted to the several Committees, where officers who are prisoners reside; and that the said Committees be directed to apply to the said officers for their bills to discharge the debts already incurred, and also to inform them, it is expected they will from time to time draw for their future subsistence.

*Ordered*, That Rachel Stille's account for subsistence of officers to the 4th of January, 1776, amounting to 423.6 dollars, be paid.

The Congress resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, to take into consideration the trade of the United Colonies, and after some time, the President resumed the chair, and Mr. Ward reported that the Committee had taken into consideration the matter to them referred, but not having come to a conclusion, desired leave to sit again.

*Resolved*, That this Congress will to-morrow resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to take into further consideration the trade of the United Colonies.

A memorial from the field-officers of the first Pennsylvania battalion was presented to Congress.

*Ordered*, That the same be referred till to-morrow.

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The several matters to this day referred being postponed,  
Adjourned till ten o'clock to-morrow.

SATURDAY, *January 13, 1776.*

A letter from general Washington, dated January the 4th, 1776; also a letter from the Committee of Safety of New-York, dated January the 3d, being received, were read.

*Resolved*, That a Committee of five be appointed to take into consideration the letter from the Committee of Safety of New-York, and to confer with Mr. Romans, and report to Congress.

The members chosen, Mr. Paine, Mr. Dyer, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Wythe, and Mr. W. Livingston.

The Secret Committee having made report respecting the purchase of the salt-petre lately imported,

*Resolved*, That the said Committee be directed to purchase the salt-petre on the best terms they can, and have it manufactured into gunpowder as soon as possible.

*Resolved*, That the Secret Committee be directed to supply colonel Heard with 200 pounds of gun-powder, to enable him to carry into execution the orders of Congress.

*Resolved*, That John Morgan be promoted to the rank of first lieutenant in one of the companies of colonel Bull's battalion.

Adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday.

MONDAY, *January 15, 1776.*

A paragraph of a letter from Peter Timothy, secretary to the Provincial Convention and Committee of Safety of South-Carolina, dated January 5th, to C. Gadson, Esq; was read, informing that the said Convention have resolved to continue the Delegates, and have constituted any two of them to be a quorum to represent said colony.

A letter from general Washington, dated the 31st of December, 1775, with sundry papers enclosed, among which a draught of capt. Matthews on the treasury of Virginia, for £ 100 lawful money advanced him by the general; also two letters from lord Stirling, dated January 8th and 11th, and a letter from governor Trumbull, with three papers enclosed, being received, were read.

*Resolved*, That the letter from general Washington be referred to a Committee of three.

The members chosen, Mr. Wythe, Mr. Adams, and Mr. Wilson.

That the letters from lord Stirling be referred to a Committee of five.

The members chosen, Mr. W. Livingston, Mr. McKean, Mr. Floyd, Mr. Ward, and Mr. Alexander.

That the letter from governor Trumbull, with the enclosed papers, be referred to the Committee appointed to confer with Mr. Romans.

A letter

A letter from the Committee of Safety of New-York, dated January 11th, 1776, was read.

*Resolved*, That it be referred to the Committee on the state of the Colonies.

*Resolved*, That a Committee of five be appointed to make an estimate of the number of cannon, that may be wanted for the defence of the United Colonies, and to devise ways and means for procuring them, and that it be an instruction to said Committee to enquire what sized cannon can be cast in these Colonies.

The members chosen, Mr. Wisner, Mr. Hopkins, Mr. Rogers, Mr. Allen, and Mr. Paine.

*Resolved*, That no bought indented servants be employed on board the fleet, or in the army of the United Colonies. without the consent of their masters.

The Committee of Claims reported, that there is due,

To Jacob Hiltzheimer, for expresse, the sum of 356.1 dollars.

To Jonathan Trumbull, jun. for his expences to Philadelphia, and returning to New-York with money, the sum of 99.7 dollars.

To Thomas Apty, for boarding several prisoners, 109.6 dollars.

*Ordered*, That the above accounts be paid.

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the Committee of Safety of Pennsylvania to enquire into the characters of the recruits or privates taken on board the Rebecca and Frances transport, and to dismiss such of them as they judge may with safety to the Colonies be discharged.

The Congress resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, to take into consideration the state of the trade of the United Colonies; and, after some time, the President resumed the chair, and Mr. Ward reported, that the Committee had taken into their farther consideration the matter to them referred, but that not having come to a conclusion, they desired him to move for leave to sit again.

*Resolved*, That this Congress will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to take into farther consideration the trade of the United Colonies.

*Resolved*, That captain Matthew's draft on the treasury of Virginia be delivered to the Delegates of that colony; and that they be desired to receive the money, and pay the same to the Continental treasurers.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, January 16, 1776.

The colony of Connecticut having appointed new Delegates, the same attending, produced the credentials of their appointment, which were read, as follows,

“ At

*“ At a general Assembly of the governor and company of the English colony of Connecticut, in New-England, in America, holden at New-Haven, in said colony, on the second Thursday of October, Anno Domini 1775.*

*“ Resolved, by this Assembly, That Roger Sherman, Oliver Wolcott, Samuel Huntington, Titus Hosmer, and William Williams, Esqrs. be, and they are hereby appointed Delegates to represent this colony at the General Congress of the United Colonies in America for the year ensuing, and until new be chosen, that is to say, the said Roger Sherman, Oliver Wolcott, and Samuel Huntington, Esqrs. do attend said Congress, and on the failure of either of the said gentlemen, by sickness, or otherwise, then the said Titus Hosmer, or William Williams, Esqrs. are to supply the place or places of any or either of the said three gentlemen first named, in such manner, that three of said Delegates, and three only, do attend said Congress at any one time; and the said three Delegates, or any or either of them, who shall be present in said Congress, are hereby fully authorized and empowered to represent this colony in said Congress, to consult, advise and resolve upon measures necessary to be taken and pursued for the defence, security and preservation of the rights and liberties of the said United Colonies, and for their common safety; and of such their proceedings and resolves they do transmit authentic copies, from time to time, to the General Assembly of this Colony. That the said Delegates now appointed do repair to, and take their seats in said Congress, by the first day of January next, in case said Congress shall be then sitting, or as soon after as said Congress shall be convened; and that the said gentlemen who are now attending said Congress in behalf of this colony, do continue in their said office until the gentlemen now chosen, and directed to attend in manner aforesaid, shall arrive at said Congress.*

*“ A true copy of record, examined by*

*GEORGE WYLLYS, Secretary.”*

A letter from Mr. Lewis, dated January 8th, was read, recommending a stranger to the notice of Congress.

*Ordered, That the same be referred to the Committee on the Qualifications of persons applying for offices.*

*Resolved, That a member, in the room of Mr. Dyer, be added to the Committee appointed to draw up instructions to the officers employed in the recruiting service.*

*Resolved, That the several petitions of gentlemen, praying to be appointed officers in the Pennsylvania battalions, be referred to the Committee on Qualifications.*

Application being made in behalf of Mr. Jugé and the owner of a vessel lately arrived in Delaware, for leave to export provisions to the amount of the cargoes by them imported,

*Resolved, That this be referred to the Secret Committee.*

*Resolved*, That two members be added to the secret Committee. The members chosen, Mr. Hewes and Mr. Alexander.

The Committee on the state of the Colonies brought in a report, which being taken into consideration.

*Resolved*, That another battalion be raised in the colony of North-Carolina, in order to defeat any attempt which may be made in opposition to the measures recommended by the Continental Congress.

*Resolved*, That the farther consideration of the report be referred till to-morrow.

The Committee having desired leave to sit again, the same was granted.

*Resolved*, That to morrow be assigned for taking into consideration, in a Committee of the whole, the propriety of opening the ports after the first of March next.

The delegates of South-Carolina having informed the Congress, that their colony, being in want of seaman, had given orders to offer high wages to such as would engage in their service, desired the advice and opinion of Congress on this matter.

*Resolved*, That it be referred to a Committee of five.

The members chosen, Mr. Hopkins, Mr. Huntington, Mr. Paine, Mr. Morris and Mr. Floyd.

*Resolved*, That the naval Committee be empowered to purchase a small vessel for a tender.

The Committee appointed to procure powder from Providence, brought in a report, with an account of a cargo provided for that purpose by Willing and Morris, amounting to 3233.2 dollars; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the said Committee be authorized to give such orders to the captain of the vessel, as they may think proper.

That an order be drawn on the treasurers, in favour of Willing and Morris, for the said sum of 3233.2 dollars.

The Committee on gen. Washington's letters brought in a report which being taken into consideration, the Congress thereupon came to the following resolutions.

*Resolved*, That the paymaster general of the army at Cambridge be empowered to draw bills upon the President of the Congress, or, in their recess, upon the Committee of Congress for that purpose appointed, for any sums of money which may be deposited in his hands not exceeding, in any one month, the monthly expence of the army, and that such bills countersigned by the general or commander in chief of the said army be accepted and paid.

That the free Negroes who have served faithfully in the army at Cambridge may be reenlisted therein, but no other.

That if gen. Washington think proper, colonel R. Gridley be continued chief engineer in the army at Cambridge.

That the pay of the assistant engineers in the army at Cambridge be 26 dollars and two thirds per month.

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The Committee having desired leave to sit again, the same was granted.

*Resolved*, That four members be added to the Committee on the Qualifications, &c. in the room of those absent.

The members chosen, Mr. Wolcott, for Connecticut, in the room of Mr. Dyer, Mr. Duane, for New-York, in the room of Mr. Jay, Mr. M<sup>c</sup>Kean, for the lower Counties on Delaware, in the room of Mr. Rodney, and Mr. Rogers, for Maryland.

*Resolved*, That Thursday next be assigned for taking into consideration the report of the Committee on Indian affairs.

*Resolved*, That a list of the Committees who have not reported, be prepared and laid on the table.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, January 17, 1776.

A Petition from Dr. Benjamin Church was presented to Congress, and read.

*Resolved*, That the same be referred to a Committee of three.

The members chosen, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Paca, and Mr. Hooper.

A petition from Ibbetson Hamar, a prisoner at Trenton, was presented to Congress and read, praying for leave to reside at Mr. Stainforth's near Prince-Town.

*Resolved*, That the same be granted.

A memorial from the captains and subalterns of the first Pennsylvania battalion was presented to Congress and read complaining of the conduct of their colonel.

*Resolved*, That the same be referred to the Committee of Qualifications, and that they be directed to hear the parties, and report to Congress.

Agreeable to the order of the day, the Congress resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, to take into consideration the propriety of opening the ports after the first of March next, and after some time, the President resumed the chair, and Mr. Ward reported, that the Committee had taken into consideration the matter to them referred, and had come to a resolution, which he read in his place, and delivered in.

The report being again read.

*Ordered*, To lie on the table.

*Resolved*, That a Committee of five be appointed, to consider under what regulations and restrictions the trade of the United Colonies ought to be carried on after the first of March next.

The members chosen, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Morris, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Adams and Mr. Sherman.

*Resolved*, That a member be added to the Committee appointed to confer with Mr. Romans.

The member chosen, Mr. Wolcott.

The Committee appointed to prepare instructions for the officers in the recruiting service brought in their report, which being taken into

into consideration, the Congress thereupon came to the following resolutions,

*Resolved*, That the colonels of the several battalions ordered to be raised do immediately order their officers, on recruiting service to such parts where they are best known, and have the greatest probability of success.

That the recruiting officers ought to be careful to enlist none but healthy, sound and able bodied men, and not under sixteen years of age.

That the colonels of the several battalions aforesaid appoint some place or places of rendezvous, to which the recruits may be sent, and where the battalions may be quartered.

That the greatest attention ought to be paid to the behaviour of the troops in quarters, that they may give no reasonable cause of complaint.

That the quarters of the troops be duly discharged once every week.

That an allowance of one dollar and a third of a dollar per man be made to the recruiting officers in lieu of their expences in recruiting, exclusive of the subsistence money allowed them. And that in case any man be enlisted contrary to the foregoing regulations, the pay they may have received, and the subsistence money that may be paid for them, shall be stopped from the pay of such recruiting officers.

That the colonels of the several battalions to be raised in Pennsylvania, be supplied with money for the recruiting service by the Committee of safety of said colony, and disburse the same to the several recruiting officers; the colonels and other officers to be accountable for what they shall receive, and all arrears, they may fall into, to be stopped from their pay.

*Resolved*, That the sum of one dollar and one third of a dollar per man be allowed to the officers of the first Pennsylvania battalion for each man by them enlisted, who shall have passed muster.

*Resolved*, That the treasurers be empowered to advance to Mr. Regonville a sum not exceeding 400 dollars, taking his draught or bill on his agent in Canada for the same.

A letter from gen. Schuyler, dated January the 13th, enclosing copies of letters from gen. Wooster, colonel Arnold, and others, were laid before Congress and read, containing an account of an unsuccessful attempt made to gain possession of Quebec by storm, on the 31st of December, and of the death of gen. Montgomery.

The Committee to whom the matter of South-Carolina, respecting the engaging of seamen, was referred, brought in their report, which was read.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to morrow.

THURSDAY, January 18, 1776.

The Committee to whom the petition of Dr. Church was referred

ed, brought in their report, which being taken into consideration

*Resolved*, That gov. Trumbull be desired to give order for the removal of Dr. Church to some more comfortable place of confinement, than that where he now is, if such can be found in that colony; and that for the advancement of his health, the said Dr. Church be permitted to ride out at proper seasons under a trusty guard, who will be careful to prevent his carrying on any correspondence, or doing any act prejudicial to the safety and welfare of the United Colonies.

A letter from the Committee of Frederick-town, Maryland, enclosing sundry intercepted letters, found upon Dr. John Smith, one of Connolly's associates, being brought by the guard who had the charge of bringing down said Smith, was laid before Congress and read.

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the Committee of safety for the colony of Pennsylvania, to take the examination of said Dr. Smith, and then commit him to safe and close confinement.

*Resolved*, That a Committee of five be appointed to take into consideration the letter from gen. Schuyler, of the 13th of January, with the enclosures, and report thereon to Congress.

The members chosen, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Wythe, Mr. Sherman, Mr. Ward, and Mr. S. Adams.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, January 19, 1776.

*Resolved*, That five members be elected for the Committee of claims in the room of those who are absent.

The members chosen, Mr. Wolcott, for Connecticut, in the room of Mr. Deane, Mr. Floyd, for New-York, in the room of Mr. Lewis, Mr. McKean, for the Lower Counties on Delaware, in the room of Mr. Rodney, Mr. Rogers, for Maryland, in the room of Mr. Johnston, Mr. E. Rutledge, for South-Carolina, in the room of Mr. Gadsden.

The committee to whom the letters from Lancaster were referred, brought in an answer which was read, and approved.

*Ordered*, That the same be transcribed and forwarded.

The Congress took into consideration the report of the committee on the matter of South-Carolina, respecting seamen; whereupon

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to capt. Cochran, who is arrived here for the purpose of recruiting seamen, to pursue the following plan in the enlistment service, in which he is employed by the colony of South-Carolina.

That he offer to each able bodied seaman the wages of eight dollars per month, and that he pay to them nine dollars bounty, and, upon their arrival in South-Carolina, the further bounty of five dollars.

That

That captain Cochran repair immediately to the camp at Cambridge, and take the advice and direction of general Washington on this affair, and proceed to enlist his seamen in such parts of the country, as will be the least prejudicial to the Continental service.

That the president write to general Washington, acquainting him with the situation of South-Carolina, the necessity that colony is in for seamen, and desiring that he will please to forward this service.

The Committee of claims reported that there is due,

To the Committee of Berks county, for provisions, ammunition, &c. furnished the rifle-companies, £ 11 : 14 : 10, and for necessities furnished the prisoners from St. John's, the sum of £ 8 : 13 : 11, amounting in the whole to £ 20 : 8 : 9, equal to 54.5 dollars, to be paid to Dr. Jonathan Potts.

*Ordered*, That the same be paid.

*Resolved*, That an order be drawn on the treasurers in favour of the delegates of South-Carolina, for the sum 10,000 dollars, which was appropriated for Indian affairs in the southern department.

The Council of safety for the three lower counties on Delaware having recommended sundry gentlemen for field-officers of the battalion ordered to be raised in that colony, the Congress proceeded to an election, and the ballots being taken,

John Haslet, Esq. was elected colonel, and  
Gunning Bedford, Esq. lieutenant-colonel.

The Congress resuming the consideration of the report of the committee on the state of the Colonies,

*Resolved*, That four battalions be raised in the colony of New-York, for the defence of that colony, upon the same pay with those directed to be raised in the colony of Pennsylvania; and that they be stationed as the commanding officer of the New-York department shall think best, to garrison the several forts in that colony from Crown-point to the southward, and to prevent depredations upon Long-Island, and promote the safety of the whole.

*Ordered*, That a copy of the foregoing resolution be transmitted to the Council of safety of New-York; and that they be requested with all possible expedition to transmit to Congress the names of a number of gentlemen, at least two for each command, out of whom the Congress may elect field-officers for said battalions.

The Committee on qualifications brought in a report, which was agreed to, as follows:

That Roger Stayner and George Jenkins be appointed first lieutenants in the first Pennsylvania battalion.

That the two eldest ensigns be promoted to be second lieutenants in the room of the above.

That Robert Allison be appointed an ensign in said battalion.

That Jacob Shallus be appointed quarter-master of said battalion.

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The committee appointed to hear the complaints of the officers, and col. Bull's defence, brought in their report, which, after debate, was referred till to-morrow.

The committee to whom general Schuyler's letter of the 13th of January, with the papers and letters enclosed, was referred, brought in a report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon

*Resolved*, That the American army in Canada be reinforced with all possible dispatch, as well for the security and relief of our friends there, as for better securing the rights and liberties not only of that colony, but the other United Colonies.

That an express be sent to the Committee of safety of New-Jersey, and an application made to that of Pennsylvania, immediately to quicken the officers employed in levying the forces directed to be raised in those colonies, and marched to Canada, and do all in their power to forward the service. And that the Committee of inspection of the city and liberties of Philadelphia, be requested forthwith to use their utmost endeavours to aid Mr. J. Mease in procuring of the householders therein, such blankets as may be spared from their respective families, for the use of the battalion destined for this important expedition at so severe a season, for which the owners shall be allowed the value of such blankets according to the estimation of the said Committee of inspection. And that colonel Bull and colonel Maxwell do without delay march such of the companies of their battalions as are now ready, to general Schuyler.

That general Washington be requested to detach from the camp at Cambridge one battalion, if the service there will permit him to spare one, with orders to march with the greatest expedition possible to Canada.

That for the more speedy raising the battalions, ordered on the 8th of January to be raised in the colonies of New-Hampshire, Connecticut, New-York, and Pennsylvania, for the defence of Canada, it be recommended to the General Assemblies, Conventions, or Councils or Committees of safety of those colonies respectively, to exert their utmost endeavours in raising the said battalions, upon the same pay and subsistence as the army at Cambridge, and to furnish them with provisions, ammunition, and other necessaries, for expediting their march to Canada. And for further encouraging the men more cheerfully to enter into the service of their country, to give a bounty of six dollars and two-thirds to every able bodied effective man, properly clothed for the service, and having a good firelock, with a bayonet, and other accoutrements, and four dollars to every soldier not having the like arms and accoutrements; the arms to be supplied by the colony, and the cost to be deducted out of the soldiers pay; and also to provide a blanket and haversack for every enlisted soldier, and moreover to advance one  
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month's pay to every officer and soldier before their march, that they may be able to purchase necessary cloathing.

That the first two companies which shall be complete of every battalion do march to that country so soon as they shall be ready, and be followed in the same numbers, with like expedition, by the rest of the corps. And that it be recommended to the General Assemblies, Conventions, and Councils or Committees of safety of the colonies in which battalions are directed to be raised, that they respectively attend to this business.

The Committee desired leave to sit again, which was granted.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

SATURDAY, January 20, 1776.

*Resolved*, That an order be drawn on the treasurers, in favour of the Committee of safety for Pennsylvania, for the sum of 15000 dollars, for the use of the five battalions to be raised in said colony; the said committee to be accountable.

The Committee of claims reported that there is due,

To capt. Henry Shylock, for his expences in bringing Dr. John Smith from Hagar's-town, and for his expences in returning home, the sum of 89.3 dollars.

To John Nelson, for his expences in bringing the said Dr. John Smith from the Little Meadows to Hagar's-town, and for his trouble in attending him to this city, with allowance of expences in returning home, the sum of 75 dollars.

To Francis Johnson, Esq. for fundry expences incurred by guards for powder, waggons, &c. the sum of 38 dollars.

To Thomas Dewees, for supporting several prisoners the sum of 43.2 dollars.

*Ordered*, That the above accounts be paid.

A memorial from colonel Bull was presented to Congress and read, praying for leave, on account of ill treatment he had received from many officers of his corps, to resign his commission.

The committee on general Schuyler's letter brought in a farther report, which being taken into consideration, the Congress came to the following resolutions,

*Resolved*, That general Washington be desired to dispatch a general officer, if he can be spared from the service at Cambridge, to command the army in Canada.

That it being necessary to procure a large quantity of specie for the operations in Canada, which cannot be successfully carried on without that article, it be recommended to the General Assemblies, Conventions, and Councils or Committees of safety upon the continent, to employ proper persons within their respective colonies to collect all the gold and silver coin they can, and inform Congress of the sum collected.

That

That it will not be expedient at present to send a Committee of Congress to Canada:

That the Committee of Secrecy be desired to dispatch one ton of gun-powder with the first companies that shall march from Pennsylvania to Canada; and that governor Trumbull be desired to send the like quantity of gun-powder with the first detachment of forces directed to march thither from Connecticut:

That the losses sustained by captain Hazen be ascertained by Commissioners to be appointed by the commanding officer in Canada, and that the Commissioners report their proceedings, with the examination of the witnesses, and their own opinion thereupon, to Congress:

That the General Assemblies, Conventions or Councils or Committees of Safety of the Colonies, in which forces are directed to be raised for the service of Canada, be desired to raise for the same service, one company of matrosses, consisting of forty privates, in each colony, under proper officers; and where a company cannot be completed, to raise as many as they can, under subaltern officers, in proportion to their numbers:

That general Wooster be desired to take possession of the medicine chest mentioned by colonel Campbell, to be claimed by doctor Beaumont, and if it appear to him to be private property, to pay the value thereof to the owner:

That the General Assemblies, Conventions, or Councils or Committees of Safety be desired to take the most effectual measures for recovering the arms, accoutrements, batteaus, tools, and other stores of the Continent, said to have been carried off by some of the soldiers, who have returned from Canada:

That 12,500 dollars be advanced to each of the General Assemblies or Councils or Committees of Safety of the colonies in which forces are directed to be raised for the service of Canada, for the purpose of recruiting their respective regiments:

That from the necessity of the case, and to prevent delays, blank commissions be issued by the President for the field-officers, captains and subalterns, who are to command the battalions ordered to be raised for Canada, in New-Hampshire and Connecticut, to be filled up with the names of such gentlemen, as shall be judged most proper by the Convention or Committee of Safety of New-Hampshire, and by the Governor and Council of Connecticut:

That the foregoing resolution be not drawn into a precedent:

That exclusive of colonel Livingston and his regiment already determined on, there be one thousand Canadians more raised, for one year, or during the present disputes, at six dollars and two-thirds bounty and the usual pay, which number shall compose four battalions, and form one regiment, five companies of fifty men to each battalion, one captain, one lieutenant, and one ensign to

each company, and four majors, one lieutenant colonel and one colonel to the whole regiment :

That the Committee of Safety of Pennsylvania be desired to provide and dispatch fises and drums to Canada, for the two regiments directed to be raised in that colony.

*Resolved*, That orders be drawn on the treasurers, in favour of the Delegates of New-Hampshire, for the above sum of 12,500 dollars ; and in favour of the Delegates of Connecticut, for the like sum of 12,500 dollars ; and in favour of the Delegates of New-York, for the like sum of 12,500 dollars ; for the use of the battalions to be raised for Canada ; and that the said Delegates be desired to forward the said sums to their respective colonies with all expedition ; the several colonies to be accountable for the same.

*Resolved*, That the President be directed to send an express to general Schuyler, with a letter, informing him of the measures the Congress have taken for the defence of Canada, and desiring him to forward the same to general Woolster :

That he likewise dispatch an express, with the like information, to general Washington, to the governor of Connecticut, and the convention or council of Safety of New-Jersey, New-York, and New-Hampshire.

The Committee on Qualifications, having recommended the following persons for ensigns in the first Pennsylvania battalion, viz.

Nicholas Scull,	John Brice,
Joseph Greenway,	Richard Rice,
John Irvine,	Major Wallbroom,

the same were agreed to, and commissions ordered to be given them accordingly.

*Resolved*, That the secret committee be directed to supply the delegates of New-Jersey with 300 pounds of powder, for the use of colonel Maxwell's battalion.

*Ordered*, That Timothy Matlack deliver to the delegates of New-Jersey, or their order, a quantity of flints, for the use of said battalion, and ball or lead proportioned to 300 pounds of powder.

That the treasurers with all expedition send a trusty person with £ 1000 in Continental bills to Samuel Patterson, Esq; and receive in exchange for the same so much in silver and gold.

Adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday.

MONDAY, January 22, 1776.

Sundry letters, viz. one from general Washington, of the 11th of January, two from lord Stirling, one of the 18th and another of the 19th of January, one from gen. Schuyler, of the 10th of January, and one from the committee of Trenton, of the 19th of January, also a petition from John Sparling, being received, were read.

*Resolved*,



*Resolved*, That the above letters be referred to a Committee of three.

The members chosen, Mr. W. Livingston, Mr. Hooper, and Mr. Adams.

*Resolved*, That the President be empowered to employ a private secretary, to be paid by the United Colonies.

The Committee of Claims reported, that there is due,

To Benedict Arnold, on account of his expences in his expedition against Crownpoint and Ticonderoga, a ballance amounting to 819 dollars, to be paid to Silas Deane, Esq;

*Ordered*, That the same be paid.

*Resolved*, That the Committee of Trenton be desired to send general Prescott and captain Chace under a guard to Philadelphia.

*Resolved*, That a Committee of three be appointed, to consider a proper method of paying a just tribute of gratitude to the memory of general Montgomery:

The members chosen, Mr. Livingston, Doctor Franklin and Mr. Hooper.

The Congress proceeded to the election of field-officers for the second Canadian regiment, and

Moses Hazen, Esq; was elected colonel,

Edward Antil, Esq; lieutenant colonel.

*Resolved*, That the United Colonies will indemnify colonel Hazen for any loss of half-pay he may sustain in consequence of his entering into their service.

*Resolved*, That the appointment of majors, captains, and subaltern and staff-officers in the second Canadian regiment, be left to the commander in chief in Canada, with the advice of the general officers in that country, and of colonel Hazen, lieutenant colonel Antil, and Mr. Price.

The Congress resumed the consideration of colonel Bull's application, for leave to resign his commission.

*Resolved*, That leave be granted him.

The Congress then proceeded to the election of a colonel for the first Pennsylvania battalion, in the room of colonel Bull, and John Philip de Haas was elected.

A memorial from captain Duncan Campbell, a prisoner, being presented to Congress, and read;

*Resolved*, That the Committee of Safety of Pennsylvania be empowered to take his parole, and that he have leave to reside at Lancaster.

Application being made in behalf of lieutenant McDonald, for leave to come to Philadelphia, and remain there five days, in order to transact some necessary business;

*Resolved*, That leave be granted.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, January 23, 1776.

A letter from general Schuyler, of the 14th of January, enclosing a letter from general Arnold, was read ;

*Ordered*, That the Secretary draw up a narrative of the repulse our troops met with, and of the loss sustained in their unsuccessful attempt on Quebec, and lay the same before Congress.

*Resolved*, That a Committee of three be appointed to prepare a letter to the inhabitants of Canada.

The members chosen, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Lynch and Mr. Wilton.

*Resolved*, That the articles of war be translated into French, and 500 copies sent to Canada.

The Committee of Claims reported, that there is due,

To Adam Ekel, for Waggonage from Lancaster to Cambridge with captain Smith's company of rifle-men, a ballance of 43.3 dollars.

To Deborah Siddens, for provisions for captain Ross's company, the sum of 15.3 dollars.

To John Jervis, for ferriage, horse hire, &c. the sum of 12 dollars.

To the Committee of Romboiet Precinct, in Dutchess county, in the colony of New-York, the sum of 129.4 dollars.

To Robert Erwin, for waggonage, the sum of 67 dollars.

To Timothy Matlack, for cash by him paid to Archibald Dick, the expences of a guard over a powder waggon, 16.4 dollars.

*Ordered*, That the said accounts be paid.

The Congress took into consideration the report of the Committee on Indian affairs, which, after debate, was recommitted.

*Resolved*, That an order be drawn on the treasurers, in favour of the Committee of Safety of the Three Lower Counties on Delaware, for the sum of 3000 dollars, for the use of the battalion ordered to be raised in that colony; the said Committee to be accountable for the expenditure.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, January 24, 1776.

A letter from the Committee of Trenton, of January the 23d, was read.

The Secretary laid before Congress an account of the repulse our troops met with in their attempt on Quebec, the 31st of December, which was read.

*Ordered*, That the same be published.

*Resolved*, That such of the soldiers, ordered to Canada, as are married, and are desirous of having part of their pay given to their wives, be indulged; and that the captains or paymaster be directed, in future payment of such soldiers, to deduct such part of their monthly pay.

*Resolved*,

*Resolved*, That the president be directed to inform general Schuyler, that the return of cannon mentioned in his letter of December 21st, is mislaid, and that therefore he is desired to make a return as soon as possible of all the cannon and artillery at Crown-point and Ticonderoga, exclusive of those taken by colonel Knox for general Washington.

*Resolved*, That Mr. Bankson be appointed a first lieutenant in the room of Mr. Morgan, who is in the country.

Information being given to Congress that some foldiers in the first Pennsylvania battalion, now under orders to march to Canada, are not supplied with arms :

*Resolved*, That the commanding officer of said battalion be directed to make a return of the arms of said battalion, and how many are wanting, to the president of the Committee of inspection and observation for the city and liberties of Philadelphia :

That the said committee be desired to use their utmost influence to provide good arms for such of said battalion as may want them.

*Resolved*, That a committee of seven be appointed to consider the propriety of establishing a war-office, and the powers with which the said office should be vested.

The members chosen, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Franklin, Mr. E. Rutledge, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Ward, Mr. S. Adams, and Mr. Morris.

The committee appointed to prepare a letter to the inhabitants of Canada reported a draft, which being read and considered, was approved.

*Ordered*, That the same be immediately translated and printed.

*Resolved*, That an order be drawn on the treasurers in favour of Carpenter Wharton, for the sum of 1000 dollars, to enable him to supply the first Pennsylvania battalion with provisions on their march to Albany; he to be accountable.

*Resolved*, That a committee of five be appointed to prepare an address to the inhabitants of the United Colonies.

The members chosen, Mr. Dickinson, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Hooper, Mr. Duane, and Mr. Alexander.

*Resolved*, That an order be drawn on the treasurers in favour of colonel Hazen, for the sum of  $533\frac{1}{2}$  dollars, he to be accountable.

That a like order be drawn in favour of colonel Antil, for the sum of 200 dollars.

That the sum of 2666 $\frac{2}{3}$  dollars, in specie, be advanced to colonel Hazen, for the use of the battalion to be by him raised in Canada, he to be accountable.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, January 25, 1776.

Sundry letters, viz. one from the Committee of Trenton, dated the 23d of January; one from Ibetson Hamar, and from Dr. Richard Huddleston, of the same date; and one from the Committee of Lancaster,

Lancaster, of the 22d of January, were read, and referred to the Committee of correspondence.

A letter from colonel Maxwell, respecting the unprepared state of his battalion, being read,

*Resolved*, That an order be drawn on the treasurers, in favour of the Committee of Trenton, for the sum of 4000 dollars, to purchase arms for colonel Maxwell's battalion, the said committee to be accountable.

*Resolved*, That the president write to the said committee, and to Mr. Lowry, stimulating them to furnish colonel Maxwell's battalion with the articles necessary for their march; and that the president write to colonel Maxwell, and direct him to send forward to Albany the first company that can be got ready, and that he cause the other companies to march with like expedition, one at a time, as fast as they can be got ready.

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to take the examination of brigadier general Prescott and captain Chace, who are arrived at Philadelphia, and report to Congress.

The members chosen, Mr. Adams, Mr. Ward, and Mr. Sherman.

The committee appointed to consider of a proper method of paying a just tribute of gratitude to the memory of general Montgomery, brought in their report, which was agreed to as follows :

It being not only a tribute of gratitude justly due to the memory of those who have peculiarly distinguished themselves in the glorious cause of liberty, to perpetuate their names by the most durable monuments erected to their honour, but also greatly conducive to inspire posterity with an emulation of their illustrious actions;

*Resolved*, That to express the veneration of the United Colonies for their late general, Richard Montgomery, and the deep sense they entertain of the many signal and important services of that gallant officer, who, after a series of successes, amidst the most discouraging difficulties, fell at length in a gallant attack upon Quebec, the capital of Canada; and to transmit to future ages, as examples truly worthy of imitation, his patriotism, conduct, boldness of enterprize, insuperable perseverance, and contempt of danger and death; a monument be procured from Paris, or any other part of France, with an inscription sacred to his memory, and expressive of his aimable character and heroic achievements. And that the Continental treasurers be directed to advance a sum not exceeding £ 300 sterling, to Dr. Benjamin Franklin (who is desired to see this resolution properly executed) for defraying the expence thereof.

That Dr. Smith be desired to prepare and deliver a funeral oration in honour of general Montgomery, and of those officers and soldiers, who so magnanimously fought and fell with him in maintaining the principles of American liberty.

*Resolved*,



*Resolved*, That the direction of the fleet fitted out by order of Congress, be left to the naval committee.

A letter from general Washington, dated the 14th of January; being received, was read, and referred to the committee of correspondence.

*Resolved*, That Mr. James Mease be appointed a commissary to supply the battalions ordered to be raised in Pennsylvania with the articles allowed by Congress; and that he be allowed for his trouble, one and one-fourth per cent, in full of all charges for the money passing through his hands, and that he give security for the just and faithful expenditure of the same.

That Mr. Lynch and Mr. Allen take the security.

*Resolved*, That an order be drawn on the treasurers in favour of the delegates of North-Carolina, for the sum of 10,000 dollars, for the use of the battalions ordered to be raised in that colony.

The committee appointed to take the examination of general Prescott and capt. Chace, made report of their proceedings:

*Resolved*, That the said committee be directed to make farther enquiry into the character and conduct of general Prescott, and inspect the letters of general Schuyler and general Montgomery concerning him.

*Resolved*, That colonel Roberdeau be requested to relieve the guard from Trenton, who have charge of general Prescott and captain Chace, with a trusty guard from his battalion.

*Resolved*, That the fortification at Crownpoint be not repaired; and that the fortress at Ticonderoga be repaired and made defensible; and that general Schuyler be desired to make return to Congress as soon as may be, of the size and number of cannon, that will be necessary to fortify that place.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, January 26, 1776.

A letter from general Lee, dated the 22d of January, enclosing a letter from the Committee of safety of New-York, was received and read.

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to repair to New-York, to consult and advise with the Council of safety of that colony, and with general Lee, respecting the immediate defence of the city of New-York; and that general Lee be directed to follow the determination of the said committee thereupon:

That it be an instruction to the said committee, in case the city cannot be defended, that they earnestly recommend it to the inhabitants immediately to remove their most valuable effects to a place of safety:

That the said committee be farther instructed to consult with general Lee and the Committee of safety of New-York, about the fortifications on Hudson's river, and about fortifying the pass at Hellgate:

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The members chosen, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Lynch, and Mr. Allen.  
*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to consider what allowance ought to be made for paying the troops raised in New-Jersey and Pennsylvania:

The members chosen, Mr. Ward, Mr. Harrison, and Mr. Allen.  
*Resolved*, That an order be drawn on the treasurers, in favour of the commissioners for Indian affairs in the middle department, for the sum of 1000 dollars, the said commissioners to be accountable.

A petition from sundry persons, respecting the inlisting apprentices, was presented and read.

A letter from Pittsburg, dated the 15th of January with enclosed papers, was read.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

SATURDAY, January 27, 1776.

A letter from general Washington, dated the 19th of January, one from the Committee at Trenton, dated the 24th, one from lord Stirling, dated the 25th, and one from T. Lowry, dated the 24th of the same month, were read:

*Resolved*, That the same be referred to Mr. Wythe, Mr. Sherman, Mr. Ward, and Mr. S. Adams.

The Committee of claims reported that there is due,

To colonel C. Wynkoop, for expences in bringing a party of prisoners from St. John's, the sum of 765.7 dollars, of which 86.2 dollars ought to be charged to the officers of the said party of prisoners:

*Ordered*, That the same be paid.

*Resolved*, That the Committee of inspection of Esopus or Kingston be directed to supply the prisoners there with necessary cloathing, and also to provide them with lodging and provisions, not exceeding the rations allowed to privates in the continental army, on the most reasonable terms they can.

*Resolved*, That a committee of five be appointed to take into consideration the report of the commissioners for Indian affairs in the middle department, and the state of the Indians in said department:

The members chosen, Mr. Wythe, Mr. Paine, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Duane, and Mr. Rogers.

*Resolved*, That a commission issue to Cayashota, giving him the rank of a colonel, and that a silver gorget be presented to him.

The Congress taking into consideration the report of the committee on the case of Mr. Jugé,

*Resolved*, That Mr. Jugé be permitted to export the manufactures or produce of the colony of Maryland (horned cattle, hogs, sheep, and poultry excepted) to any port or place whatsoever, (except to Great-Britain, Ireland, British isles, the British West-Indies,

Indies, and except for the supply of the British army or navy in America) to the amount of the canvas imported by him into the said colony; the said value to be ascertained by the Committee of inspection and observation for the county of Baltimore:

*Resolved*, nevertheless, that the indulgence in this instance ought not to be drawn into example, the same being granted to Mr Jugé on account of the peculiar circumstances of his case; and that the said Mr. Jugé be enjoined by the aforesaid Committee of Baltimore, to avoid, if possible, all British ships of war and armed cutters on his voyage.

A memorial from H. Keppele and John Steinmetz was presented to Congress, and read.

*Resolved*, That the same be referred to a committee of three.

The members chosen, Mr. Ward, Mr. Alexander, and Mr. Wythe.

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed, to take into consideration the matter of inlifting apprentices and persons in debt.

The members chosen, Mr. Paine, Mr. M<sup>c</sup>Kean and Mr. Wythe.

The committee to whom the treaty held with the Indians at Albany, and the letter from V. P. Douw, Esq; were referred, brought in their report: whereupon,

*Resolved*, That in order to preserve the confidence and friendship of the Indians, and to prevent their suffering for want of the necessaries of life, a suitable assortment of indian goods, to the amount of £ 40,000 sterling, be imported on account and risk of the United-Colonies:

That the said goods, when imported, be divided among the different departments in the following proportions, *viz.* for the Northern Department, comprehending Canada, £ 13,333:6:8 sterling; for the Middle department the like value; and the residue for the Southern department:

That in order to pay for the said goods, a quantity of produce of these colonies be exported to some foreign European market, where it will sell to the best advantage:

That the secret committee be empowered to contract with proper persons for importing said goods, and for exporting produce to pay for the same:

That the said goods, when imported, be delivered to the commissioners of indian affairs, for the respective departments, or their order, in the proportions before mentioned:

That the respective commissioners, or such of them as can conveniently assemble for that purpose, shall, as the goods arrive, fix a price, adding to the first cost interest, the charge of insurance, and all other charges, and also a commission not exceeding two and an half per cent. on the first cost, for their own care and trouble in receiving, storing and selling them to the Indian traders; but such commissioners as are at the same time members of Congress, shall



not be burthened with this part of the business, nor receive any part of the aforefaid commission:

That no person shall be permitted to trade with the Indians without licence from one or more of the commissioners of each respective department:

That all traders shall dispose of their goods at such stated reasonable prices, as shall be fixed and ascertained by the commissioners, or a majority of such as can conveniently assemble for that purpose, in each respective department, and shall allow the Indians a reasonable price for their skins and furs and take no unjust advantage of their distress and intemperance; and to this end they shall respectively, upon receiving their licences, enter into bond to the commissioners, for the use of the United Colonies, in such penalty, as the acting commissioners or commissioner shall think proper, conditioned for the performance of the terms and regulations above prescribed:

That to such licensed traders only the respective commissioners shall deliver the goods, so to be imported, in such proportions as they shall judge will best promote a fair trade, and relieve the necessities of the Indians:

That every trader, on receiving the goods, shall pay to the commissioners in hand the price at which they shall be estimated; and the commissioners shall, from time to time, as the money shall come to their hands, transmit the same to the continental treasurers, deducting only the allowance for their trouble as aforefaid:

That the trade with the indian nations shall be carried on at such posts and places only as the commissioners for each department shall respectively appoint:

That these resolutions shall not be construed to prevent or debar any private person from importing goods for the indian trade, under the restrictions expressed in the association.

Adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday.

MONDAY, January 29, 1776.

A letter from gov. Trumbull, dated January the 20th, being received, was read.

*Resolved*, That an order be drawn on the treasurers, in favour of Mr. James Mease, commissary, for the sum of 5000 dollars, for the use of the battalions ordered to be raised in Pennsylvania.

The committee to whom were referred the letter from gen. Washington, dated the 19th inst. with the papers therein mentioned, and the letter from lord Stirling, dated the 24th, and the letter from the committee at Trenton, dated the day last mentioned, brought in their report; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the applications, made by gen. Washington to the governments of New-Hampshire, Massachusetts-Bay, and Connecticut, in such an exigency, to raise a regiment in each of those colonies



nies for the service of Canada, were prudent, consistent with his duty, and a farther manifestation of his commendable zeal for the good of his country; that the ready attention of the said governments to those applications, and the alacrity with which they undertook, and the expedition with which they proceed in the business, are additional proofs of their meritorious attachment to the common cause, and may produce signal public advantages; and that it be recommended to the General Assembly of Massachusetts-Bay, to raise the like number of matrosses, and in the like manner, and that both these and the additional regiment there be enlisted on the same terms as those directed to be raised for this service in New-Hampshire, Connecticut, New-York, and Pennsylvania; and for this purpose that 12,500 dollars be advanced to the delegates of Massachusetts-Bay, and forwarded by them with blank military commissions for the field officers, captains and subalterns, signed by the President to the said general assembly:

That the three regiments to be raised in New-Hampshire, Massachusetts-Bay and Connecticut, for the service in Canada, be exclusive of the thirteen intended to reinforce the army at Cambridge:

That the loss of and damage to such fire arms belonging to the soldiers in the service of the Continent, as shall happen, not through carelessness or misbehaviour, the value being ascertained in a proper manner, to be provided by the general assemblies, conventions or councils or committees of Safety of the United Colonies respectively, be made good to the owners; and that their arms, after their time of service expired be not detained from them:

That the alertness, activity and good conduct of lord Stirling, and the forwardness and spirit of the gentlemen, and others, from Elizabeth-town, who voluntarily assisted him in taking the ship Blue Mountain Valley were laudable and exemplary; and that his lordship be directed to secure the capture until the further order of the Congress; and that in the mean time he cause such part of the loading, as would otherwise perish, to be disposed of by sale.

The committee desired leave to sit again, which was granted.

A petition from Dr. Wheelock, being laid before Congress, was read, and referred to the committee on indian affairs in the middle department.

The committee of claims reported, that there is due,

To Hugh M'Clenahan, an express from Pittsburg, for expenses, &c. the sum of 46.2 dollars.

*Ordered*, That the same be paid.

*Resolved*, That gen. Prescott be committed to, and kept in close confinement in the goal of Philadelphia, till further orders of Congress.

That capt. Chase be remanded to Trenton, and permitted to reside with the other officers on his parole.

A memorial and proposal of capt. John Nelson, respecting a company of rifle-men was presented to Congress, and read.

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed, to confer with capt. Nelson.

The members chosen, Mr. Morton, Mr. Wifner and Mr. Sher-  
Adjourned to ten o'clock to morrow.

TUESDAY, *January 30, 1776.*

*Resolved*, That Dr. Cadwalader and Dr. Shippen jun. be desired to inspect the room of the goal where gen. Prescott is confined, and enquire into the state of his health, and report thereon to Congress.

The committee appointed to confer with capt. Nelson, brought in their report, which was taken into consideration, and thereupon,

*Resolved*, That capt. Nelson's company of rifle-men now raised consisting of one capt. three lieutenants, four sergeants, four corporals and seventy privates, be enlisted for the service of Canada, on the same terms as the other troops ordered for that service, and that they march to Canada, and join a regiment there as soon as possible; that they be allowed one quarter of a dollar per day, for their subsistence on their march to Albany.

That six dollars and two thirds of a dollar bounty be paid to each non commissioned officer and soldier, who is furnished with sufficient arms, accoutrements and cloathing for the service, upon their entering into the service of the Colonies, and one month's pay to the commissioned officers.

That 900 dollars be advanced to said capt. Nelson for that purpose, and for the subsistence of said company to Reading:

That the sum of 700 dollars be sent to the committee of inspection at Reading; that said committee pay one month's wages to the non commissioned officers and soldiers upon their arrival there, and deliver the residue of said sum to capt. Nelson, for the subsistence of said company in their march from thence to Albany; he to account for what money he receives with gen. Schuyler.

The officers of said company are John Nelson captain, Moses Dicker first lieutenant, Adam Ott second ditto, Isaac Newkirk third ditto.

The committee to whom gen. Washington's letter of the 14th of January, was referred brought in their report, which was taken into consideration, and thereupon,

*Resolved*, That all the tent-cloth which can be procured in Philadelphia and New-York be purchased for the Congress, and that the quantity necessary for the ensuing campaign in the army before Boston, be forwarded thither, if so much is to be had:

That it be recommended to the several assemblies in New-England, to assist the general in procuring arms; and that the thanks of the Congress be given to such of them as have already done so:

That Mr. James Mease, in Philadelphia, and Mr. Lewis, Mr. Alfop

Alsop, and Mr. L. Morris, in New-York, be directed to carry the former resolution into execution.

The committee on the enlistment of apprentices, &c. brought in their report, and the same being taken into consideration,

*Resolved*, That no apprentice whatsoever be enlisted within the colonies of New-Jersey, Pennsylvania, the counties on Delaware or Maryland, as a soldier in the army or navy of the United Colonies, without the consent of his master or mistress first obtained in writing; and that all apprentices now enlisted as soldiers in the said army or navy, without such consent, be immediately discharged from the service, on the application of their masters or mistresses, upon payment of all just and reasonable charges of their enlistment:

That it be recommended to all creditors, whose demands against any person who is enlisted, or shall enlist, in the continental service, shall not amount to the value of 35 dollars, not to arrest any such debtor till the expiration of the time for which he is enlisted.

That every person under the age of twenty-one years, enlisting himself in the army or navy aforesaid, may, within twenty-four hours after such enlistment, obtain his discharge, by refunding the money received from the recruiting officer, and returning such necessaries as may have been supplied him by the officer, or the value thereof in money.

*Resolved*, That an order be drawn on the treasurers for the sum of 1000 dollars, to discharge a draught of the paymaster general, for so much deposited with him, for the use of the United Colonies.

*Resolved*, That a committee of five be appointed to take into consideration an application from the Committee of safety for New-York.

The members chosen, Mr. Ward, Mr. Paine, Mr. Paca, Mr. Lee, and Mr. Rodney.

*Resolved*, That the naval committee be empowered to draw on the treasurers for a sum not exceeding 30,000 dollars, in order to discharge sundry debts by them contracted.

*Resolved*, That Mr. R. Morris be added to the committee of secret correspondence.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, January 31, 1776.

Sundry letters, viz. one from lord Stirling, dated the 27th of January; one from the Committee of Trenton, of the 30th, one from colonel St. Clair, of the 27th, and one from colonel Maxwell of the 31st of the same month, were laid before Congress and read.

*Resolved*, That a committee of two be appointed to confer with colonel Maxwell respecting the state of his regiment, and report the means of facilitating and hastening his march.

The members chosen, Mr. Livingston and Mr. Wilson.

A report



A report from Dr. Cadwalader and Dr. Shippen, respecting the room where general Prescott is confined, and the state of the general's health, was laid before Congress and read.

The Congress taking into consideration the letter from colonel St. Clair, respecting the enlistment of some of the prisoners at Lancaster,

*Resolved*, That the prisoners who have been enlisted into the continental army be discharged, and that no more be enlisted.

*Ordered*, That a copy of the foregoing resolve be sent to the committee of Lancaster.

The committee to whom sundry letters were referred, on the 27th instant, brought in a farther report; whereupon

*Resolved*, That Mr. Barbarie, owner of the sloop and cargo said to have been taken by the enemy, and retaken by one of the continental vessels of war, ought to make and prosecute his claim to the same before the court appointed or to be appointed, by the government of the colony to which the said sloop and cargo were carried, to hear and determine causes civil and maritime, where a process ought to be instituted to confirm the recapture, and adjust the salvage.

The committee appointed to confer with colonel Maxwell brought in their report; whereupon

*Resolved*, That Mr. Thomas Lowry, commissary for the battalions in New-Jersey, be directed to procure all necessaries, except arms, for colonel Maxwell's regiment immediately; and that the cost of the cloathing and other articles absolutely essential, which the non-commissioned officers and privates are to pay for, be by the said commissary procured forthwith, the cost thereof to be deducted out of the pay of the said non-commissioned officers and soldiers; and that the convention or committee of safety of New-Jersey get the arms already ordered with all possible expedition, and afford Mr. Lowry all assistance in the execution of the above:

That the company in the said regiment which is nearest being furnished, be supplied by any arms and necessaries in the said battalion, and marched for Canada, and that the other companies be furnished, and marched as soon as possible.

The Congress taking into consideration the letter from lord Stirling,

*Resolved*, That the private adventures of the captain and mates of the transport Blue Mountain Valley be delivered to them, and that they be permitted to return to England.

The delegates for Massachusetts-Bay laid before Congress an account of their appointment, by which it appears, that the hon. John Hancock, Esq. Samuel Adams, John Adams, Robert Treat Paine, Mr. Eldridge Gerry, Esqrs. are elected to represent the said colony in Congress, for the year 1776.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY



THURSDAY, February 1. 1776.

*Resolved*, That an order be drawn on the treasurers in favour of the delegates of Virginia, for the sum of 333 $\frac{1}{3}$  dollars, for the use of Mr. J. Walker, one of the commissioners for indian affairs in the southern department, the said delegates to be accountable.

*Resolved*, That a member be added to the committee on the state of the treasury, in the room of Mr. Cushing:

The member chosen, Mr. S. Adams.

*Resolved*, That general Prescott be allowed the attendance of his servant, and of a physician, in case his health require it.

*Resolved*, That the committee of safety for Pennsylvania be directed to take the parole of such officers who are prisoners now in Philadelphia, and order them to their respective places of residence.

The Congress took into consideration the report of the committee on establishing posts and expresses, and after debate,

*Resolved*, That the farther consideration thereof be postponed; and that in the mean while Dr. Franklin be directed to write to the post-masters, and enquire on what terms expresses can be procured.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, February 2. 1776.

Two letters from general Schuyler dated 22d and 25th January, accompanied with an account of his expedition to Tryon county, and enclosing sundry dispatches from Canada, and other papers, being received, were read, and referred to Mr. Wythe, Mr. E. Rutledge, and Mr. McKean.

A receipt of general Schuyler for £. 7829 : 9 : 0 Pennsylvania currency, equal to 20878.5 dollars, sent him by order of the 30th of December was laid before Congress.

A letter from colonel Wayne being read,

*Resolved*, That colonel Wayne be directed to quarter his battalion in and near Chester, until the farther orders of Congress, or of a committee of Congress, for that purpose appointed.

*Ordered*, That the secretary deliver Mr. J. Mease a copy of colonel Wayne's letter, so far as respects the supplying his battalion with necessaries.

The committee to whom the memorial of M. Aspden was referred, brought in their report, whereupon,

*Resolved*, That Mr. Matthias Aspden be permitted to export in the sloop Tryal, consigned to him from Port au Prince, the produce or manufactures of these colonies, (horned cattle, sheep, hogs, poultry, and lumber for making casks excepted) to Port au Prince, to the amount of 1800 pounds, Pennsylvania currency:

That the above permission be not drawn into precedent, and  
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that Mr. Aspden take every possible precaution to avoid all British men of war and cutters on the voyage.

The committee to whom the memorial of Keppele and Steinmetz was referred, brought in their report, whereupon

*Resolved*, That the Memorialists have no just claim to satisfaction or reparation for the loss of their ship and cargo, seized by one of the king's ships of war, and detained by admiral Greves and general Howe, either out of the continental treasury, or out of the value of the cloathing sent hither to supply the British troops at Boston, and intercepted and disposed of to the use of the American army.

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to take an account of the prisoners, the names of the officers, and their places of residence, and report the same to Congress :

The members chosen, Mr. M<sup>r</sup>. Kean, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Wisner.

A memorial from the rev. Mr. Samson Occum was read, and referred to the committee on indian affairs.

Adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday next.

MONDAY, February 5. 1776.

*Resolved*, That general Schuyler be directed to have the arms of such of the troops marching to Canada, as pass through Albany, carefully examined there; and such of them as are deficient and want repair exchanged for the good effective arms taken from the Tories, and to order those exchanged and left, to be repaired.

The committee to whom general Schuyler's letters were referred, brought in their report, which was taken into consideration, and thereupon,

*Resolved*, That general Schuyler has proceeded in disarming such inhabitants of the county of Tryon, in the colony of New-York, as were disaffected, and providing for the future tranquility of those parts, with fidelity, prudence, and dispatch, and at the same time with a proper temper towards that deluded people, and thereby performed a meritorious service :

That the cheerfulness and ready assistance of those who accompanied general Schuyler in his march to the county of Tryon, and their useful services in that expedition, discovered such a patriotic spirit, that it is hoped none of them will allow their countrymen to entertain a suspicion that any ignoble motive actuated them, by requiring a pecuniary reward, especially when they were employed in suppressing a mischief in their own neighbourhood :

That the resolution of Congress of the 8th of last month, for sending ship-wrights from the cities of New-York and Philadelphia, to build batteaus at Ticonderoga, be superseded; and that general Schuyler be desired to employ any such artificers, as he shall think proper, in that business :

That general Schuyler be desired to issue warrants for compleat-  
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ing the regiment directed to be raised in New-York for the service of Canada; and that it be recommended to the convention of that colony to appoint such officers thereof, as general Schuyler hath nominated:

That the appointments by general Schuyler of Mr. Hubbard Brown to be conductor of artillery, Gysbert Marselis, Esq. to be barrack-master, Mr. Peter Schuyler to take charge of the arms, and Mr. Philip Van Ranselair, to be store-keeper at Albany, be confirmed; and that general Schuyler be desired to inform Congress of the proper salaries to be annexed to those offices:

That General Schuyler be desired to procure skilful persons to assist general Wooster in exploring the river St. Lawrence, and to construct the armed boats to be kept there, according to a former resolution of Congress:

That the bounty given by general Schuyler for encouraging men to enter into the Canadian service be approved, in consideration of the severe climate and inclement season:

That by the resolution of Congress of the 8th of last month, respecting the provisions and stores to be sent to fort George, it was intended as general Schuyler understood it, that he should be supplied with such of those articles as he should require:

That general Schuyler be desired to employ such batteau-men as are in or near Albany, instead of those it was recommended to the convention of New-York to procure, upon the best terms he can, and to acquaint Congress for what wages they will serve:

That captain Wyncoop be employed under commodore Douglass, in the naval department.

*Ordered*, That general Schuyler's narrative of his march into Tryon county be published in the news-papers.

The committee to whom the memorial of Samson Occum, one of the Mohegan Indians, in Connecticut, was referred, brought in their report; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That a friendly commerce between the people of the United Colonies and the Indians, and the propagation of the gospel, and the cultivation of the civil arts among the latter, may produce many and inestimable advantages to both; and that the commissioners for indian affairs be desired to consider of proper places in their respective departments for the residence of ministers and schoolmasters, and report the same to Congress:

That the commissioners for Indian affairs in the northern department be desired to enquire of Mr. Jacob Fowler of the Montauke tribe of Indians on Long-Island, and Mr. Joseph Johnson of the Mohegan, upon what terms they will reside among the Six Nations of Indians, and instruct them in the Christian religion.

*Resolved*, That Mr. Dohicky Arundel, who was recommended to the notice of Congress by Mr. Lewis, be desired to repair to general Schuyler, and that general Schuyler be directed to examine



mine him, and if he finds him capable, and suitably qualified, to employ him in the artillery service in Canada.

Dr. Cadwallader having, in a letter to the president, represented, that being sent for by general Prescott last Saturday night, he found him in a dangerous state of health; and farther expressing an apprehension, that the dampness of the room may endanger the general's life, if he remains there long; it was thereupon

*Resolved*, That Dr. Cadwallader be desired to have proper lodgings provided for general Prescott; and that general Prescott be removed from the goal to said lodgings, and there kept under a guard:

That the commanding officer of the troops in the barracks of Philadelphia, be directed to keep a proper guard over general Prescott.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, February 6. 1776.

A letter from the committee of safety for New-York was read, informing that general Clinton arrived there on the 4th inst. but that it was apprehended his destination was to the southward.

*Ordered*, That a copy of said letter be sent to the southern colonies.

The Congress being informed that colonel Heard having performed the service enjoined him, was ready to make report of his proceedings;

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to confer with colonel Heard, and receive his report.

The members chosen, Mr. Crane, Mr. E. Rutledge, and Mr. M<sup>r</sup> Kean.

A petition from sundry captains of the New-Jersey battalions was laid before Congress and read, whereupon;

*Resolved*, That the sum of one dollar, and one third of a dollar, be allowed to the officers of the two first New-Jersey battalions, for every recruit by them raised, and that has passed muster.

A letter from the committee of Reading in Berks county, was read, mentioning the arrival of a number of prisoners, and desiring to know how they are to be supported;

*Resolved*, That the same be referred to the committee appointed to contract for supplying the prisoners.

*Resolved*, That two members be added to the said committee in the room of those absent.

The members chosen, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Wolcott.

The committee on the regulations of trade after the first of March next, brought in their report, which was read.

*Resolved*, That the same be referred to Thursday next, then to be considered in a committee of the whole.

*Resolved*, That general Schuyler be desired to encourage sutlers to



to attend the army in Canada; and that they return such specie as they shall receive for the articles they supply it with, to the commissary, who shall draw orders, countersigned by the general, for the amount thereof, upon the President; by which a sufficient stock may be in hand to pay off the soldiers, and the risk and expence of sending money for that purpose may be avoided.

The committee appointed to confer with colonel Heard, laid before Congress a list of nineteen persons taken into custody by him agreeable to the orders of Congress, and brought to Philadelphia: also two oaths taken by a number of the inhabitants of Long Island; one upon delivering up their arms, and the other respecting their future conduct.

The names of the prisoners are, Benjamin Whitehead, Joseph French, John Polhemus, Nathaniel Moor, Samuel Hallet, William Weyman, John Shoals, John Willet, Gilbert Van Wyck, Daniel Kiffam, Jacob Mott, Gabriel G. Ludlow, Charles Hicks, Samuel Martin, Samuel Clowes, Thomas Smith, George Weeks, David Brooks, John Townsend.

*Resolved*, That the said prisoners be sent to New-York, and delivered to the order of the convention of that colony, who are requested to confine or secure the said prisoners, until an enquiry be had by the convention into their conduct, and report thereof made to this Congress.

*Ordered*, That the committee confer with colonel Heard about the mode of sending the prisoners to New-York.

The committee of claims reported that there is due,

To George Kennedy, on sundry certificates by him produced the sum of 427.1 dollars, of which 338.9 dollars being for rifles, &c. furnished to captain Morgan's company of riflemen from Virginia, ought to be charged to said company, and the remainder to the continent.

*Ordered*, That the same be paid.

*Resolved*, That a committee of five be appointed to bring in a resolution respecting the exportation of naval stores for the public service.

The members chosen, Mr. Hewes, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Ward, Mr. Paine, and Mr. S. Adams

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, February 7. 1776.

*Resolved*, That an order be drawn on the treasurers in favour of Peter Webbers, an express, for the sum of 8 dollars, for the time he has been detained in town.

Two letters from Lord Stirling, one of the 2d and the other of the 5th of this month, with sundry papers enclosed were read.

*Resolved*, That the same be referred to a committee of three.

The members chosen, Mr. Chase, Mr. Rutledge, and Mr. Wythe.

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The Congress took into consideration the report of the committee on the letter from the committee of safety for New-Jersey, respecting the prisoners; and after debate,

*Resolved*, That the same be re-committed to the committee who brought it in, and to the committee appointed to take an account of the prisoners :

That it be an instruction to the committee to examine the capitulations entered into with the prisoners at the time of their surrender, to have the paroles of the officers taken, to order them to their respective places of residence, to see that the capitulations be duly observed, and the orders of Congress respecting the prisoners punctually carried into execution, and finally to make a return to Congress of the paroles of the officers, their names and places of residence, and also the number of privates and where placed.

As only three of the former committees are now present, viz. Mr. Adams, Mr. McKean, and Mr. Smith :

*Resolved*, That two more be added.

The members chosen, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Wolcott.

*Resolved*, That an order be drawn on the treasurers in favour of Mr. James Mease, for the sum of 10,000 dollars, for the use of the battalions ordered to be raised in Pennsylvania, he to be accountable :

That a like order be drawn in favour of the naval committee, for the sum of 20,000 dollars, to enable them to discharge the debts by them contracted, the said committee to be accountable :

That the sum of 250,000 dollars be sent to the pay-master general, for the use of the army at Cambridge.

The committee on the letter from Reading reported, that they have had a conference with David Franks, Esq. agent to the contractors for victualling the king's troops, who says he will order rations to be issued to the prisoners lately brought to Reading; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That D. Franks, Esq. be permitted to victual the prisoners at Reading, and to sell his bills to defray the expence thereof :

That directions be given to Henry Holler to furnish said prisoners with fuel and other necessaries.

A memorial from Murray, Sansom, and co. Jacob Watson, and Frederic Rhinelander of the city of New-York, was presented to Congress and read.

*Resolved*, That the same be referred to a committee of three.

The members chosen, Mr. Lee, Mr. Nelson, and Mr. Read.

A petition of Pierre L'Farque being presented to Congress and read,

*Resolved*, That it be referred to the secret committee.

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to examine the Journals and report a list of the matters yet unfinished.]

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The members chosen, Mr. E. Rutledge, Mr. Duane, and Mr. Smith.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, February 8. 1776.

*Resolved*, That the money voted yesterday be sent to the pay-master general, under the care of colonel Bull, and two other trusty persons.

The treasurers transmitted to Congress an account of sundry draughts by them paid, viz.

1775. August 23. One in favour of John Mease by general Washington, for 266 $\frac{2}{3}$  dollars.

Nov. 27. One in favour of Dr. Franklin, by James Warren, for 7111 dollars.

1776. Feb. 2. One in favour of Cox and Furman, by ditto, for 1000 dollars.

Feb. 6. One in favour of John Beane, by ditto, for 750 dollars.

*Ordered*, That the above sums be charged to the account of James Warren, the pay-master general.

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to contract with a proper person to supply colonel Wayne's battalion with the rations allowed them:

Also with a proper person to supply the Pennsylvania troops on the west side of the Susquehannah; and with a proper person to supply the battalion ordered to be raised in the counties on Delaware, while in that government.

The members chosen, Mr. Morton, Mr. Lewis, and Mr. Wilson.

The committee of claims reported that there is due,

To Tench Tilghman, for escorting money from Philadelphia to general Schuyler, the sum of 286.9 dollars.

To Azariah Dunham on sundry certificates for provisions to several rifle companies, 25.8 dollars.

To Melchior Meng, for waggon-hire, in carrying money to Cambridge, the sum of 76 dollars.

To Moses Gale, for the entertainment of captain Cluggage's company of rifle-men, 9.7 dollars, to be paid to Henry Wisner, Esq.

To John B. Scot, for expences in conducting general Prescott from Trenton to Philadelphia, 14.3 dollars.

To George Bunner, for waggon hire, in carrying money from Philadelphia to general Schuyler, last November, 39 dollars.

To Dennis Sneed, for ferriage, provisions, &c. the sum of 50.6 dollars, to be paid to John Alsop, Esq.

To Jesse Jones for horse-hire, 8.7 dollars, to be paid to Mr. Dealing.

To Mark Bird for necessaries to prisoners, 5.8 dollars.

To George Meade and co. on several certificates, 104.4 dollars,

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of which 99.2 being for rifles furnished to captain H. Stevenson's company, ought to be charged to said company.

*Ordered*, That the above accounts be paid.

The committee farther reported, that Mr. McKean had laid before them an account of the application of 40 dollars put into his hands by Congress, by which it appears that there remains in his hands the sum of 15.4 dollars.

*Ordered*, That the same be paid to Timothy Matlack, he to be accountable.

The committee on the disposition of the prisoners reported the form of a parole to be signed by the officers, which being read was agreed to, as follows :

I                    being made a prisoner of war by the army of the thirteen United Colonies in North-America, do promise and engage, on my word and honour, and on the faith of a gentleman, to depart from hence immediately to                    in the province of                    being the place of my election; and there, or within six miles thereof, to remain during the present war between Great-Britain and the said United Colonies, or until the Congress of the said United Colonies, shall order otherwise; and that I will not directly or indirectly, give any intelligence whatsoever to the enemies of the United Colonies, or do or say any thing in opposition to, or in prejudice of, the measures and proceedings of any Congress for the said Colonies, during the present troubles, or until I am duly exchanged or discharged.

Given under my hand, this       day of       A. D.

The secret committee, to whom the petition of Mr. Pierre L'Farque was referred, brought in their report; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That Mr. Pierre L'Farque be permitted to load the sloop, in which he imported a small quantity of powder and arms, with the produce of these colonies, (horned cattle, sheep, hogs, poultry, and lumber for making casks excepted) and export the same to Martinique. And that the said Mr. Pierre L'Farque do take every possible precaution to avoid all British men of war and cutters on the voyage, and use his utmost endeavours to import into these colonies the powder and arms mentioned in his memorial, and proposed to be imported by him.

The committee on the memorial of Sansom, Murray, and co. &c. brought in their report, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A memorial from the committee of safety of Pennsylvania, respecting the erecting of powder-mills, was presented to Congress and read;

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

*Resolved*, That an order be drawn on the treasurers in favour of Dohicky Arundel, for the sum of 100 dollars, and that he be directed immediately to repair to general Schuyler :

That



That a quarter cask of powder be delivered to captain Craig of colonel St. Clair's battalion, for the use of his company:

That the sum of 12,000 dollars be advanced to the convention or committee of safety of New-York, for the use of the four battalions ordered to be raised there; that the same be transmitted by the delegates of that colony, the said convention or committee of safety to be accountable.

A memorial from Dr. Connolly, together with a letter from Dr. Benjamin Rush, respecting the state of said Connolly's health, was presented to Congress and read; whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said J. Connolly be allowed at suitable times to walk in the Prison-yard or hall, the goal-keeper taking especial care to prevent his escape.

The inhabitants of Richmond county in the colony of New-York, having refused to send deputies to represent them in provincial convention, and otherwise manifested their enmity and opposition to the system and measures adopted for preserving the liberties of America; and as a just punishment for their inimical conduct, the inhabitants of that colony, having been prohibited by the convention from all intercourse and dealings with the inhabitants of the said county, and this Congress being informed by the committee of safety of that colony, that the freeholders of the said county did afterwards, without any opposition, elect deputies to represent them in provincial convention; but as the proceedings against them had been submitted to the consideration of Congress, it was apprehended the deputies could not be received, until the sense of Congress thereupon should be communicated.

*Resolved* therefore, That it be referred to the said provincial convention to take such measures respecting the admission of the deputies, and revoking the Interdict against the inhabitants of said county, as they shall judge most expedient; provided that the said deputies and major part of the inhabitants of said county shall subscribe the Association entered into in that colony.

*Resolved*, That Monday the 19th day of this Month be assigned for Dr. Smith to deliver a funeral oration in honour of general Montgomery, and of those officers and soldiers who so magnanimously fought and fell with him in maintaining the principles of American liberty.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, February 9, 1776.

Mr. Elbridge Gerry from the Massachusetts Bay attended and produced a certificate of the appointment of delegates from that colony; which was read, and is as follows:

" *In COUNCIL*, January 18, 1776.

Whereas John Hancock, Samuel Adams, John Adams, Robert Treat Paine, and Elbridge Gerry, Esquire, have been chosen

chosen by joint ballot of the two houses of assembly, to represent the colony of Massachusetts-Bay in New-England, in the American Congress, until the first day of January, A. D. 1777.

*Resolved*, That they, or any one or more of them, are hereby fully empowered with the delegates from the other American colonies to concert, direct, and order such farther measures, as shall to them appear best calculated for the establishment of right and liberty to the American colonies, upon a basis permanent and secure, against the power and art of the British administration, and guarded against any future encroachments of their enemies, with power to adjourn to such times and places, as shall appear most conducive to the public safety and advantage.

*Read and accepted. Sent down for Concurrence.*

JOHN LOWELL, *Dep. Sec. pro tem.*

*In the HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES, January 18, 1776.*

Read and concurred. And the secretary is hereby directed, as soon as may be, to signify to each of those gentlemen their appointment, with an attested copy of this order. *Sent up for Concurrence.*

JAMES WARREN, *Speaker.*

*In COUNCIL, January 18, 1776.*

Read and concurred.

JOHN LOWELL, *Dep. Sec. pro tem.*

*A true Copy,*

*Attest.*

PEREZ MORTON, *Dep. Sec."*

Sundry letters being received, were laid before Congress and read, viz.

Two from general Washington, one of the 24th and the other of 30th of January, enclosing a copy of one to general Schuyler, 27th January, and a number of intercepted letters :

Three from general Schuyler, 29th and 31st January, and 1st of February, enclosing copies of two letters from colonel Arnold, and sundry other papers :

One from governor Trumbull, 3d February, with sundry papers enclosed ;

*Resolved*, That the foregoing letters be referred to a committee of five.

The members chosen, Mr. Chafe, Mr. J. Adams, Mr. Penn, Mr. Wythe, and Mr. Rutledge.

Two letters from the convention of New-Jersey, of the 6th of February were read ; the one respecting tea, was referred for consideration to Monday next ; the other recommending persons for field-officers of the third battalion, ordered to be raised in that colony : Whereupon the Congress proceeded to election, and

Elias Dayton was elected colonel.

Anthony

Anthony Walton White, lieutenant-colonel.

Francis Barber, major.

A memorial from Mr. Kirkland was presented to Congress and read.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The Congress taking into consideration the report of the committee on the second memorial of Sansom, Murray and company, &c.

*Resolved*, That the memorialists be permitted to make sale of their cargo of wheat, in Connecticut, or else to proceed on their original voyage to Falmouth in England, and a market under the office, papers and clearances, which the said vessel sailed with from New-York in September last; and also subject to the former restrictions of Congress respecting the appointment of a commander.

The Congress being informed of the arrival of some arms, powder and saltpetre:

*Resolved*, That the committee appointed on the 13th of last month to purchase the saltpetre then imported, &c. be directed and empowered to take every necessary measure to have the saltpetre now arrived manufactured into gun-powder with all possible expedition:

That two tons of the powder now arrived, belonging to the United Colonies, be delivered to the committee of safety for Pennsylvania, in part of the powder borrowed of them:

That one ton of said powder be delivered to the delegates of North-Carolina, in consequence of a former order of Congress, which has not yet been complied with:

That the committee appointed for manufacturing the saltpetre into gun-powder be directed to enquire into the state and quantity of the arms, powder and saltpetre now arrived, and report to Congress.

A memorial from Stacy Hepburn was presented to Congress and read.

*Resolved*, That it be referred to a committee of three:

The members chosen, Mr. M<sup>c</sup>Kean, Mr. Nelson, and Mr. Penn.

Adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday next.

MONDAY, February 12, 1776.

A letter from general Lee, dated the 9th inst. being received, was read, wherein he informs, that a transport with troops was arrived at New-York, that more might be expected, and therefore that a farther reinforcement was necessary to secure and defend that place; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the convention or committee of safety of New-Jersey immediately to send detachments of



their minute men equal to a battalion, under proper officers, to New-York, there to be under the command of major general Lee:

That it be also recommended to the committee of safety for Pennsylvania, immediately to send detachments of the four battalions of associators in Philadelphia to New-York, there to put themselves under the command of general Lee.

*Resolved*, That the colonels of the battalions ordered to be raised in Pennsylvania, be directed to make an immediate return to Congress of the men enlisted, the places where they now are, and the manner in which they are appointed.

*Resolved*, That the secret committee be directed to send to New-York one ton of the powder belonging to the United Colonies, and that the same be delivered to the order of general Lee:

That the said committee be empowered to purchase for the use of the United Colonies, on the best terms they can, what powder and arms arrive, belonging to private persons; and that they furnish with good arms such of the three remaining companies of the first Pennsylvania battalion destined for Canada, as may want them, in order that they may immediately proceed on their march.

*Resolved*, That fifty tons of salt-petre be delivered by the secret committee to the committee of safety for Pennsylvania, who are requested to have the same manufactured into gun-powder, in the cheapest and most expeditious manner; and that this Congress will confirm any contracts made for the above purpose:

That ten tons of salt-petre be by them sent to Mr. J. R. Livingston's mill in the colony of New-York, and that Mr. Livingston be desired to manufacture it into powder as soon as possible, and to enlarge his works, if it can conveniently be done:

That ten tons of salt-petre be also by them sent to the council of the colony of Massachusetts-Bay, and that they be desired to have it manufactured into gun-powder, with all possible expedition, and sent to general Washington for the use of the army under his command.

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the committee of inspection for the county of Chester, to aid colonel Wayne in procuring blankets for his battalion.

The Congress being informed that a gentleman was arrived from Canada, who had matters of importance to communicate:

*Ordered*, That the committee of correspondence confer with him, and report to Congress.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, February 13, 1776.

*Resolved*, That an order be drawn on the treasurers in favour of John Chapman, for the sum of 800 dollars, to discharge a draught of the pay-master general, in favour of William Thomson



son Esq. dated the 28th of December last; and that the same be charged to the account of the pay-master general.

Sundry letters being received were read, viz.

One from the convention of New-Jersey, dated the 10th, and one from Messrs. Dayton and Barber of the 12th, and one from captain John Nevill, dated Pittsburgh, of the 1st of this month, and one from John Gibson, dated 20th of January last.

*Resolved*, That the two last letters be referred to the committee on the indian affairs in the middle department:

That a committee of three be appointed to take into consideration the two former letters.

The members chosen, Mr. Smith, Mr. Bartlett, and Mr. Adams.

*Resolved*, That an order for 8000 dollars be drawn on the treasurers in favour of the committee of safety for the three lower counties on Delaware, for the use of the battalion raising in that government, the said committee to be accountable:

That an order for 10,000 dollars be drawn on the treasurers in favour of James Mease, for the use of the Pennsylvania battalions; he to be accountable:

That Mr. Mease be directed to supply the troops in the barracks near Philadelphia, with wooden bowls, buckets, and other necessaries.

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the committee of safety for Pennsylvania, in case the barracks near Philadelphia cannot contain all the troops raised in said colony, that they cause part of them to be quartered in the pest-house and old goal of this city.

*Resolved*, That an order be drawn on the treasurers, in favour of colonel Bull, for the sum of 150 dollars, to defray his expences in carrying money to Cambridge, he to be accountable.

The committee on the petition of Stacy Hepburn brought in their report, which was agreed to, as follows:

That the said petitioner be permitted to load the sloop Dolphin with the produce of these colonies, (live stock and lumber for making casks excepted) and to transport the same to Hispaniola, he promising to use his utmost endeavours to remit the amount of said cargo in military stores, into some port of this continent, as soon as possible.

The committee appointed to prepare a resolution for the exportation of naval stores brought in the same, which was agreed to as follows:

*Resolved*, That when naval stores shall be wanted in any of the United Colonies, the assembly, convention, or committee of safety of such colony, may intrust a proper person or persons to import the same, taking sufficient security of him or them, that they will faithfully use their best endeavours to import the same into such port or ports as the said assembly, convention, or committee of safety shall direct, and as much as possible to avoid all British men  
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of war and cutters; giving him or them, a certificate or certificates of the naval stores wanted, and also of his having given the said security: And that it be recommended to the convention, council of safety, and committees of observation and inspection of North-Carolina upon receiving such certificates, to permit the person or persons producing the same, to export to the colony applying for the same, the naval stores wanted by such colony:

That it be further recommended to the said convention, council of safety, and committees of inspection and observation in North-Carolina, to give permission to such vessels as may have arrived in that colony for those articles, or such of the vessels belonging to that colony, as they may think proper, to export naval stores to any of the United Colonies, taking security as in the other cases above mentioned.

*Resolved*, That the pay and subsistence of two of the battalions ordered to be raised in the colony of Virginia, commence from the first day of November last; from which time they have been in actual service.

The convention of Virginia having recommended persons for field officers of the six battalions ordered to be raised in that colony, the Congress proceeded to an election, when

Patrick Henry, Esq. was elected colonel	} of the first battalion.
William Christian, Esq. lieutenant colonel	
Frank Eppes, Esq. major.	} of the second do.
William Woodford, Esq. colonel	
Charles Scott, Esq. lieutenant-colonel	
Alexander Spotswood, Esq. major	
Hugh Mercer, Esq. colonel	} of the third do.
George Weedon, Esq. lieutenant-colonel	
Thomas Marshall, Esq. major	} of the fourth do.
Adam Stephen, Esq. colonel	
Isaac Reade, Esq. lieutenant-colonel	
Robert Lawfon, Esq. major.	} of the fifth do.
William Peachy, Esq. colonel	
William Crawford, Esq. lieutenant-colonel	
Josiah Parker, Esq. major.	} of the sixth do.
Mordecai Buckner, Esq. colonel	
Thomas Elliot, Esq. lieutenant-colonel	
James Hendricks, Esq. major	

*Ordered*, That the president fill up commissions to the above officers, and that he send blank commissions to the convention of Virginia, to be by them filled up with the names of the officers appointed by them in the said battalions, under the rank of a major.

*Resolved*, That the deputy muster-master general be directed to muster the battalion raised in the three lower counties on Delaware, and also those raised in Pennsylvania, and make return to Congress.

*Resolved*,

*Resolved*, That a committee of five be appointed to consider into what departments the middle and southern colonies ought to be formed, in order that the military operations of the colonies may be carried on in a regular and systematic manner.

The members chosen, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Wilfon, Mr. Penn, Mr. Harrifon and Mr. Alexander.

*Resolved*, That an order be drawn on the treasurers in favour of the delegates of Virginia for the sum of 20,000 dollars for the use of the battalions, ordered to be raised there, the convention of that colony to be accountable.

*Resolved*, That Mr. M<sup>c</sup>Kean be desired to request the committee of inspection and observation for the city and liberties of Philadelphia not to proceed in passing any censures on the venders, and users of tea, till further orders from Congress.

*Resolved*, That the detachments marching from Philadelphia to New-York, under the command of colonel Dickinson be allowed for subsistence while on their march, the sum of one dollar, and one third of a dollar *per* week for each of the privates, and non-commissioned officers; and that the commissioned officers be allowed in proportion according to the rations allotted to them, and that they receive the same pay as the four Pennsylvania battalions, from the time they begin their march.

That a committee of three be appointed to consider the best method of subsisting the troops in New-York, and what sum of money it will be necessary to send thither, and also what sum ought to be advanced to colonel Dickinson.

The members chosen Mr. Sherman, Mr. Duane and Mr. Wilfon.

A petition from Mr. Bernard Romans was presented to Congress and read.

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the convention of New-York to pay Mr. Bernard Romans up to the 9th day of the present month.

*Resolved*, That an order for 600 dollars be drawn on the treasurers in favour of Samuel Fairlamb (who has contracted to supply colonel Wayne's battalion, quartered in and near Chester at the rate of seven ninetieths of a dollar *per* ration) to enable him to execute his contract, he to be accountable.

The committee appointed to prepare an address to the inhabitants of the United Colonies, brought in a draught which was read.

Ordered to lie on the table.

*Resolved*, That captain Gordon upon giving his parole, be permitted, while he remains in town, to visit general Prescott at proper seasons.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY,

WEDNESDAY, February 14, 1776.

*Resolved*, That two of the brass six pounders at New-York belonging to the United Colonies, be sent to Virginia for the use of the forces there.

Sundry letters being received were read;

One from general Schuyler of the 7th of this month; one from general Wooster of 29 January, and one from general Arnold of 24th of said month.

*Resolved*, That the foregoing letters with the papers enclosed, be referred to a committee of three.

The members chosen, Mr. Wythe, Mr. J. Adams and Mr. Chafe.

A letter from the committee of Amboy dated 10th of this month, was read and referred for consideration till to-morrow.

The committee of claims reported that there is due,

To John Ware for conducting a French gentleman from Harwick township in Suffex county to Philadelphia, the sum of 13.2 dollars.

Ordered that the same be paid.

Application being made by some of the master carpenters employed in building the continental frigates to some members of this house, informing that about fifty of their journeymen and apprentices had engaged as volunteers to march with the battalion of associators for New-York, and that their zeal for the public service was such, that they cannot be persuaded to desist by any arguments or influence of said builders;

*Resolved*, That the spirit and zeal of the said journeymen and apprentices is highly approved of by Congress; but nevertheless it is the opinion of this Congress, that the public will be more essentially served by their continuing at work on the said continental frigates, and that therefore all the carpenters journeymen and apprentices employed as aforesaid be requested to remain in that service, as there is no doubt but other associators will complete the number wanted.

The Congress resolved itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the report of the committee on the regulations and restrictions under which the ports should be opened after the first day of March next, and after some time spent thereon the president resumed the chair, and Mr. Ward reported, that the committee had taken into consideration the matter referred to them, but not having come to a conclusion, desired leave to sit again.

*Resolved*, That this Congress will to-morrow resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into farther consideration the report of the committee on the restrictions and regulations of trade after the first of March next.

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The committee of correspondence, who were ordered to confer with the gentleman from Canada, brought in their report which was read.

*Resolved*, That the consideration thereof be referred till to-morrow.

The committee appointed to consider the best method of subsisting the troops in New-York, laid their report on the table.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, February 15, 1776.

*Resolved*, That the secret committee deliver one hundred and fifty stand of arms to colonel Maxwell, for the use of such of the companies of his battalion as want them, in order that they may immediately proceed to Canada.

The committee to whom the letters from the convention of New-Jersey, and from the field officers of the third battalion, ordered to be raised in that colony, were referred, brought in their report, which was read and agreed to as follows :

*Resolved*, That colonel Heard be directed to furnish colonel Dayton with such of the arms lately brought from Long-Island, as are or may be made fit for service, or so many of them as colonel Dayton may desire :

That 30,000 dollars be advanced to Thomas Lowry on account ; and that he be fully authorized to procure all necessaries (except arms) ordered by Congress, for the three battalions raised or to be raised in the colony of New-Jersey :

That the convention or committee of safety of New-Jersey be allowed from the continental stock, half a ton of powder, out of which they are to re-pay what has been borrowed from Elizabeth-Town, Somerset, Woodbridge, and Brunswick :

That to the same convention or committee of safety be advanced the further sum of 5000 dollars for the purpose of completing the three battalions there with arms, which they are desired to accomplish with all possible expedition.

*Resolved*, That two tons of the powder belonging to the continent be delivered to the delegates of Virginia for the use of the forces in that colony.

Sundry letters by colonel Ritzema being received were read, viz.

One from general Lee dated the 11th, and one from general Schuyler of the 4th of this month, with one from general Woof-ter of the 27th January.

*Resolved*, That the said letters be referred to the committee to whom the letters received yesterday were referred, and that the said committee be directed to confer with colonel Ritzema, and report to Congress.

Information

Information being received that general Clinton was gone from New-York, the Congress came to the following resolution :

The Congress have a proper sense of the spirit and patriotism of the associators of the city and liberties of Philadelphia, in cheerfully offering and preparing to march, in order to assist in the defence of New-York ; but as the danger, which occasioned an application for their service, is at present over,

*Resolved*, That their march to New-York be suspended.

*Resolved*, That a paymaster be appointed for the troops in Virginia, and that his pay be 50 dollars *per* month.

The Congress then proceeded to the election, and Benjamin Harrison, jun. of Berkley was chosen.

The Congress taking into consideration the report of the committee of correspondence,

*Resolved*, That a committee of three, (two of whom to be members of Congress) be appointed to repair to Canada, there to pursue such instructions as shall be given them by Congress :

The members chosen, Dr. Benjamin Franklin, Mr. S. Chase, and Mr. C. Carroll of Carrollton.

*Resolved*, That Mr. Carroll be requested to prevail on Mr. John Carroll to accompany the committee to Canada, to assist them in such matters as they shall think useful :

That this Congress will make provision to defray any expences which may attend this measure.

*Resolved*, That eight tons of powder be immediately sent to Canada, for the use of the forces there.

The committee of claims reported that there is due,

To Richard Smith for provisions furnished by sundry persons in New-York government to captain Ross's company of rifle men, the sum of 28.8 dollars :

To Michael Connolly on account of expences in bringing the women and children belonging to the 26th and 7th regiments from Esopus to Reading, the sum of 1082.8 dollars :

To colonel Simes on account of expences in bringing the baggage of the 26th and 7th regiments from Walpack to Lancaster and several other small expences, the sum of 569 dollars :

To Thomas McEnry for 800 canteen straps, the sum of  $133\frac{1}{3}$  dollars.

*Ordered*, That the said accounts be paid.

The committee to whom the letter from the committee of safety of New-York of the 3d of January, and the letter from governor Trumbull of the 6th of the same month were referred, brought in their report, which was taken into consideration, whereupon

*Resolved*, That no farther works be erected on Martler's rock, but that those already erected there be supported and garrisoned :

That

That a fascine battery to mount heavy cannon, not exceeding eighteen in number, be thrown up on the Gravel Hill eastward of Martler's rock, marked in the draught LL, so as to command the west point, the reach down the river from the west point, and part of the reach up the river; and that a convenient road be opened from this battery to the barracks on Mertler's rock:

That a redoubt of earth and fascines be built on the eminence on the east side of the river opposite to the west point marked in the draught A to mount thirty guns:

That it be recommended to the convention or committee of safety of New-York to forward the battery at Pooplopen's kill; and that the said battery be made of earth and fascines, and to mount a number of guns, not exceeding forty:

That such of the continental troops as are or may be stationed at the aforesaid places, be employed in erecting these works and batteries under the direction of the engineer:

That it be recommended to the convention or committee of safety of New-York to prosecute the discovery of the lead mine at New Canaan; and that a copy of the report of Joseph Hopkins to the general assembly of Connecticut respecting this mine be sent to them.

The Congress took into consideration the report from the committee of the whole house, and after debate

*Resolved*, That the same be re-committed.

*Resolved*, That this Congress will to-morrow morning resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the propriety of opening the ports, and the restrictions and regulations of the trade of these colonies after the first of March next.

*Resolved*, That the committee on ways and means to procure cannon, be directed to enquire what quantity of brass can be procured, and that they be empowered to contract for the same.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, February 16, 1776.

*Resolved*, That the secret committee be directed to furnish colonel St. Clair's battalion with arms, and that the president write to colonel St. Clair, and direct him to use the utmost diligence in getting his battalion ready, and to march the companies, one at a time, as fast as they can be got ready, to Canada, with all possible expedition.

The committee appointed to make an estimate of the cannon wanted, for the defence of the colonies, and to devise ways and means for procuring them, &c. brought in their report, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Agreeable to the order of the day, the Congress resolved itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the propriety of opening the ports, and the restrictions and regulations of



the trade of these colonies after the first of March next ; and after some time the president resumed the chair, and Mr. Ward reported that the committee had taken into consideration the matter referred to them, but not having come to a conclusion, desired him to move for leave to sit again.

*Resolved*, That this Congress will, to-morrow morning, resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into their farther consideration the propriety of opening the ports, and the restrictions and regulations of trade after the first of March next.

The committee to whom general Washington's and general Schuyler's letters were referred, laid their report on the table.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

SATURDAY, February 17, 1776.

*Resolved*, That an order for ten thousand dollars be drawn on the treasurers in favour of James Mease, for the use of the Pennsylvania battalions, he to be accountable.

That colonel James Irvine, of the sixth Pennsylvania battalion, be authorized and empowered to purchase good arms for the use of his battalion, the price of the same to be deducted out of the pay of the men.

The committee on the state of the treasury brought in a report which was read.

*Resolved*, That a standing committee of five be appointed for superintending the treasury :

That it be the business of this committee,

To examine the accounts of the treasurers, and from time to time report to Congress the state of the treasury :

To consider of ways and means for supplying gold and silver for the support of the army in Canada :

To employ, and instruct proper persons for liquidating the public accounts, with the different paymasters and commissaries in the continental service, and the conventions, committees of safety and others who have been or shall be intrusted with the public money ; and from time to time to report the state of such accounts to Congress :

To superintend the emission of bills of credit :

To obtain from the different assemblies and conventions of the United Colonies, accounts of the number of Inhabitants in each colony, according to the resolution of Congress on that subject.

The members chosen, Mr. Duane, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Gerry, Mr. Smith and Mr. Willing.

The Congress taking into consideration the report of the committee on the treasury ;

*Resolved*, That a farther sum of four millions of dollars be emitted on the same security, as the sums heretofore emitted by Congress have been:

That



That the committee for superintending the treasury be directed to consider the numbers and denominations of the bills, in which it will be proper to emit the above four millions, and report to Congress.

The committee appointed to consider into what departments the middle and southern colonies ought to be divided, brought in their report which was read.

The committee to whom sundry letters from brigadier general Arnold, brigadier general Wooster, major general Schuyler, and major general Lee were referred, brought in their report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That major general Lee be directed immediately to repair to Canada, and take command of the army of the United Colonies in that province:

That major general Schuyler be directed to repair, as soon as his health will permit, to New-York, and take the command of the forces and conduct the military operations there; and that the president inform him by express of this arrangement and the reasons that led to it:

That it be recommended to the convention or committee of safety of New-York, to supply general Lee with a quantity of suitable cannon not exceeding twelve; and one or more mortars, if to be had, with balls, shells, and other necessaries for the siege or assault of Quebec; and that they assist him in forwarding the same with all possible expedition:

That the regiment of Canadians, the raising of which is mentioned in brigadier general Arnold's letter of the 12th of January last, to have been put on foot by him, receive the same pay and be subject to the same regulations as the other forces employed in Canada, and be accounted part of the number designed to be raised for that service:

That the appointment of captain Ranfalier to be deputy muster master general of the forces in Canada, be confirmed:

That the appointment of John Halsted, Esq; to be commissary for the army before Quebec, be confirmed:

That major general Schuyler be directed to have provisions stored in proper places near Hudson's river, between Albany and the Highlands, to supply such troops as it may be necessary to call out of the country:

That the offer made by general Schuyler to pay at the rate of four shillings per day, for each of the sleds hired to forward the Pennsylvania and New-Jersey forces in their march to Canada, be complied with:

That the officers in the continental armies be enjoined to use their utmost diligence in preventing every kind of plunder; and that all who shall offend herein be punished according to the strictest discipline:

That

That the resolves of Congress for encouraging sutlers, to attend the army in Canada, be published with the information that hosiery, shoes, coarse linens, soap, rum, sugar, and wine are much wanted there :

That a few artificers such as armourers, smiths, carpenters, harness-makers and wheel-wrights, with proper persons to superintend them, be forthwith sent to Canada:

That it be recommended to the convention of New-York, that such of the officers, who served faithfully in Canada the last campaign, as are willing to continue there, be preferred in the new levies of the colony of New-York to others.

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be chosen to prepare instructions for the committee appointed to go to Canada.

The members elected, Mr. J. Adams, Mr. Whythe and Mr. Sherman.

*Resolved*, That this Congress will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the propriety of opening the ports, and the restrictions and regulations of trade, after the first of March next.

*Resolved*, That the committee appointed to purchase sundry articles of cloathing for the northern army, be directed to contract for good strong shoes for the army in Canada.

The Congress taking into consideration the report of the committee, on the method of subsisting the troops in New-York, &c.

*Resolved*, That the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars, be advanced to the convention, or committee of safety of New-York, for the support of the troops employed in the defence of that colony; the said convention or committee of safety, to be accountable for the expenditure thereof; and that an order be drawn on the treasurers for the above sum, in favour of the delegates of that colony, who are directed to forward the same :

That it be recommended to the convention or committee of safety of New-York, to contract with proper persons for supplying the said troops with the rations allowed by Congress, and with fuel and other necessaries, on the most reasonable terms in their power.

The committee of claims reported that there is due,

On an account exhibited by the committee of Frederic county, Maryland, to be paid to S. Chase, and W. Paca, Esqrs. the sum of 860.9 dollars; of which 268.4 being for rifles, &c. furnished captain Cressap's company of riflemen, ought to be charged to the said company, and the remainder to the continent :

To Nicholas Hower, for waggonage, the sum of 74.4 dollars, and that the same ought to be paid to Daniel Hower.

*Ordered*, That the above accounts be paid.

Adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday.

MONDAY,

MONDAY, February 19. 1776.

Met according to adjournment, and having attended the oration delivered in honour of general Montgomery, and of those officers and soldiers who magnanimously fought and fell with him, in maintaining the principles of liberty;

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, February 20. 1776.

The convention of New-Jersey having made a new choice of delegates to represent that colony in Congress, three of said delegates attending, produced their credentials, which were read as follows:

*" In Provincial Convention, New-Jersey, Brunswick, 14th February, 1776.*

*Resolved*, on motion, unanimously, That William Livingston, John de Hart, Richard Smith, John Cooper, and Jonathan Dickenson Sergeant, Esqrs. be delegates to represent this province in the Continental Congress, for the space of one year, or until others shall be legally appointed in their stead, and that they or any three or more of them, have full and ample power to consent and agree to all measures which such Congress shall deem necessary; and this province bind themselves to execute, to the utmost of their power, all resolutions which the said Congress may adopt. And further, if the said Congress shall think necessary to adjourn, we do authorize our said delegates to represent and act for this province, in any one Congress to be held by virtue of such adjournments, during their delegation.

*A true copy from the minutes,*

WILLIAM PATERSON, *Secretary.*"

A letter from general Lee, of the 17th instant, was read.

A memorial from a number of the inhabitants of Northumberland, in the colony of Pennsylvania, with six papers therein enclosed, was presented to Congress and read: Also,

A petition from sundry inhabitants near Pittsburg, was presented and read.

*Resolved*, That the above memorial and petition be referred to a committee of five.

The members chosen, Mr. Hewes, Mr. W. Livingston, Mr. Paca, Mr. E. Rutledge, and Mr. Chase.

Lieutenant Brasher, who had the orders of general Schuyler to conduct a number of Canadian prisoners to New-Jersey or Pennsylvania, having executed his orders, laid his instructions before Congress which were read. Also, Mr. Shallus, quarter-master of the first Pennsylvania battalion, having had orders to conduct certain prisoners down from Kingston, and having executed his orders, laid his instructions before Congress, which were read.

*Resolved,*



*Resolved*, That these be referred to the committee on the prisoners.

*Resolved*, That the secret committee be directed to deliver to colonel Maxwell, or order, twenty stand of arms for the use of his battalion, he to be accountable for the same.

The Congress took into consideration the report of the committee on the ways and means of procuring cannon; whereupon

*Resolved*, That two hundred and fifty, twelve pounders, sixty, nine pounders, and sixty-two, four pounders be purchased for the use of these colonies:

That the committee on the ways and means of procuring cannon be empowered to purchase or contract for making the same:

That a new member be added to that committee.

The member chosen, Mr. W. Livingston.

The committee of claims reported that there is due,

To Michael Connolly, expences for waggon-hire, carrying the prisoners baggage from Bethlehem to Reading, and his own expences four days, the sum of 160 dollars.

To Richard Howell, for transportation of powder to Burlington, the sum of  $34\frac{1}{2}$  dollars.

*Ordered*, That the above accounts be paid.

*Resolved*, That colonel Wayne be directed to march with his battalion to New-York, and put himself under the command of general Lee, or the commanding officer there.

The Congress being informed that two prisoners taken at Chamblee, and who had leave to stay at Newark in the province of New-Jersey, on condition of their making gun-locks, for the use of the United Colonies, are not employed in that work;

*Resolved*, That the said two prisoners be ordered to Philadelphia, and put under the direction of Mr. Rittenhouse, to carry on the above business.

The Congress being informed that a quantity of powder belonging to the United Colonies was arrived at Brunswick in New-Jersey,

*Resolved*, That Mr. Lewis, Mr. Alsop, and Mr. P. Livingston, be directed to forward the said powder under a guard, with all possible expedition, to general Washington, for the use of the army under his command.

*Resolved*, That an order be drawn on the treasurers in favour of M. la Junesse, for the sum of 250 dollars, for his services in behalf of the United Colonies.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, February 21. 1776.

The committee of claims reported that there is due,

To Shallus, for his expences in conducting prisoners from Albany to Trenton, the sum of  $17\frac{3}{4}$  dollars:

To



To Caspar Shaaf, for waggonage, the sum of 104 dollars, and that the same ought to be paid to S. Chase, and W. Paca, Esqrs.

*Ordered*, That the said accounts be paid.

Two letters from general Schuyler of the 10th and 13th inst. being received were read.

*Resolved*, That the same be referred to a committee of three.

The members chosen, Mr. Wythe, Mr. Harrison, and Mr. S. Adams.

A letter from the committee of safety for Pennsylvania, of the 20th inst. respecting the prisoners at Lancaster, was read,

*Resolved*, That the same be referred to the committee on the prisoners.

The committee on the treasury to whom it was referred to consider the numbers and denominations of the bills, &c. brought in their report, which was considered and agreed to, as follows:

That the four millions of dollars now to be emitted, consist of the following denominations.

600,000 of <i>one-sixth</i> of a dollar.	100,000
600,000 of <i>one-third</i> do.	200,000
600,000 of <i>one-half</i> do.	300,000
600,000 of <i>two-thirds</i> do.	400,000
130,436 of <i>one</i> dollar.	130,436
130,437 of <i>two</i> do.	260,874
130,436 of <i>three</i> do.	391,308
130,435 of <i>four</i> do.	521,740
65,217 of <i>five</i> do.	326,085
65,217 of <i>six</i> do.	391,302
65,217 of <i>seven</i> do.	456,519
65,217 of <i>eight</i> do.	521,736

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That the plates engraved for the two former emissions, be used in the new emission of the bills from one to eight dollars inclusive, and that those bills be expressed in the following words.

No.

Dollars.

This bill entitles the bearer to receive Spanish milled  
dollars, or the value thereof in gold or silver, according to a resolution of Congress, passed at Philadelphia, February 17. 1776:

That the said bills be signed by two signers, and each different denomination numbered from No. 1. progressively:

That one plate with proper devices be engraved for the smaller bills now to be emitted, under the value of one dollar:

That the form of the bills be as follows;

One of a dollar, according to a resolution of Congress passed at Philadelphia, February 17. 1776.

That each of these bills be signed by one signer only, and that each different denomination be numbered from No. 1. progressively,  
as aforesaid:

That

That Michael Hillegas, Richard Bache, and Stephen Pafchall, Esqrs. be appointed and authorised to inspect the prefs:

That before they enter upon their office, they shall respectively take an oath or affirmation to be administered to them by any magistrate, "well and faithfully to execute the trust reposed in them by a resolution of Congress, as inspectors of the prefs, according to the best of their skill and judgment." A certificate of which oath or affirmation shall be delivered to the committee on the treasury:

That each of the said inspectors respectively, shall be allowed two dollars a day for their services, while they shall be employed in inspecting the prefs, in the execution of the said trust.

*Resolved*, That the committee on the treasury be directed to have the foregoing resolutions carried into execution with all convenient dispatch.

The committee for receiving the applications for offices in the continental army reported, that they have nominated Mr. Lewis Durham for surgeon to the third battalion now raising in the colony of New-Jersey, and recommend him to the Congress for appointment to the said office.

*Resolved*, That the report be agreed to, and that a commission be granted to Mr. Lewis Durham accordingly.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, February 22. 1776.

Two letters from general Washington, both of the 9th of this month, being received and read,

*Resolved*, That the said letters be referred to a committee of the whole Congress.

Accordingly the Congress resolved itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the letters just received from general Washington, and after some time the president resumed the chair, and Mr. Ward reported that the committee had taken into consideration the letters referred to them, but not having come to a conclusion, desired him to move for leave to sit again.

*Resolved*, That this Congress will to-morrow resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into their farther consideration the letters from general Washington.

Information being given by a delegate from New-Jersey, that the regiment of militia, ordered by the convention of that colony to march for the defence of New-York, in consequence of the resolve of Congress of the 12th instant, wanted arms, with which they could not be furnished, unless the Congress would supply them out of the public stock; the Congress took this matter into consideration, and being of opinion that it would not be proper to spare the public arms, which are wanted for the battalions raising in the continental service,

*Resolved*,

*Resolved*, That the march of the said battalion of militia be countermanded.

*Resolved*, That orders issue to quicken colonel Wayne in getting his battalion ready; and that, as fast as he can get a company properly equipped, he cause it immediately to march to New-York.

*Resolved*, That the president be directed to write to the convention of New-York, and desire them to inform Congress what progress they have made in raising the four battalions recommended to be raised in that colony for the defence of the same.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, February 23. 1776.

Colonel Braxton, a delegate from Virginia, attending, produced the credentials of his appointment, which were read, as follows:

*"Virginia, in Convention, December 15. 1775."*

The Convention, according to the order of the day, proceeded to the appointment of a delegate to represent this colony in the General Congress, in the room of the late honourable Peyton Randolph, Esq. and the members having prepared tickets with the name of the delegate to be appointed, and put the same into the ballot-box, Mr. Thomas Ludwell Lee, Mr. Carrington, Mr. Digges, Mr. William Cabel, and Mr. Carter of Lancaster were appointed a committee to examine the ballot-box, and report on whom the majority fell, and it appearing from their report, that there was a majority of the whole convention in favour of Carter Braxton, Esq.

*Resolved*, therefore, That the said Carter Braxton, Esq. be appointed a delegate to represent this colony in the room of the late honourable Peyton Randolph, Esq.

A Copy, JOHN TAZEWELL, clerk of the convention."

*Resolved*, That the secret committee be directed to return to the committee of safety of Pennsylvania, the arms borrowed of them for the use of the continent.

The committee of claims reported that there is due,

To Francis Daymon, for translating into French the rules and articles for the better regulating the continental troops the sum of 13 $\frac{1}{2}$  Dollars:

To Monfr. Mesplet for printing the military rules, and French Letters to the inhabitants of Canada, the sum of 44 Dollars:

To colonel Harrison, for expences of himself, Mr. Lynch, and Mr. Allen, on their journey to New-York. the sum of 150.9 Dollars:

To Jeremiah Traxler, for provisions, &c. for Indians who were in Philadelphia in December last, the sum of 40.8 dollars, and that the same ought to be paid to Mr. Kachlein:

To sundry persons for rifles furnished capt. Morgan's company the sum of 118.3 dollars which ought to be paid to colonel Nelson, and charged to the said company:

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To Clement Biddle, for shot-pouches, powder-horns, and bullet-moulds, purchased by him for the Canada regiment, the sum of 1169,3 dollars:

To sundry persons for blanket's supplied capt. Price's company the sum of 32.9 dollars, and that the same ought to be paid to George Read, Esq:

To capt. Little, for provisions for guards attending capt. Campbell, the sum of 9.5 dollars:

To Christian Rhorbeck for necessaries furnished to several prisoners of the 7th and 26th Regiments, the sum 9.4 dollars, and that the same ought to be paid to Adam Kimmel:

To Henry Shits, for rifles, &c. furnished to capt. Stevenson's company the sum of 78.6 dollars, to be charged to the said company:

To Abraham Ebrahcer, for attending several French noblesse, from Albany to Bristol, the sum of 32 dollars.

*Ordered*, That the above accounts be paid.

*Resolved*, That a committee of five be appointed to contract for the making of muskets and bayonets for the use of the United Colonies, and to consider of farther ways and means of promoting and encouraging the manufacture of fire arms in all parts of the United Colonies.

The members chosen, Mr. Paine, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Huntington, Mr. Lee and Mr. L. Morris.

*Resolved*, That the letter of Mr. Christopher Liffingwell, dated the 29th of November 1775. with sundry papers relating to the cargo of the brig Nancy, be referred to a committee of three.

The members chosen, Mr. Wythe, Mr. Huntington, and Mr. Gerry.

*Resolved*, That the secret committee be empowered for the purpose of procuring arms and ammunition, to export the produce of these colonies, equal to the amount of that by them exported in two vessels lately taken by the enemy.

*Resolved*, That the committee, for superintending the Treasury, be authorized to employ one or more clerks for stating, keeping, and liquidating the public accounts under their direction, and to provide books and a suitable office for that purpose:

That they have power to call upon the different committees of Congress, assemblies, conventions, councils, or committees of safety, continental officers, and private persons, who have been or shall be intrusted with public money, for their accounts and vouchers, and for such other materials and information, as the said committee on the treasury shall judge to be useful, in stating, checking and auditing the public accounts.

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the several assemblies, conventions, councils, or committees of safety, and committees of correspondence and inspection in the United Colonies, to exert themselves in devising farther ways and means of promoting and encouraging



couraging the manufacture of salt petre, and of introducing that manufacture into private families :

That it be recommended to the assemblies and conventions in the United Colonies, that they immediately establish public works in each and every county, in their respective colonies, at the expence of such colonies, for the manufacture of salt-petre, and appoint committees of their own members immediately to set up such manufactures :

That it be recommended to the assemblies and conventions, councils, or committees, of safety, of every colony forthwith to erect powder mills in their respective colonies, and appoint committees to build such mills, and procure persons well skilled in the manufacture of powder, at the expence of such colonies :

That a committee of this Congress to consist of one member from each colony be appointed to consider of further ways and means of promoting and encouraging the manufactures of salt petre, sulphur and gunpowder in these colonies, and to correspond with the several assemblies and conventions, and councils or committees of safety in the several colonies, that Congress may be, from time to time, truly informed of the progress made in these manufactures.

The members chosen, Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Paine, Mr. Hopkins, Mr. Huntington, Mr. L. Morris, Mr. Sergeant, Mr. Humphreys, Mr. Read, Mr. Paca, Mr. Braxton, Mr. Hewes, Mr. E. Rutledge, and Mr. Bullock.

*Ordered*, That the above resolutions respecting salt-petre, &c. be published.

It being represented that capt. Harman has enlisted into his company, and carried with him to Canada, thirteen servants without the consent of their masters ;

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to enquire into this matter, and to report to Congress.

The members chosen, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Willing, Mr. Wythe.

*Resolved*, That this Congress will on Monday next resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the letters from gen. Washington &c.

Adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday.

MONDAY, February 26, 1776.

A letter from gen. Lee, dated 22d instant was read.

*Resolved*, That the same be referred to a committee of three.

The members chosen, Mr. M<sup>r</sup> Kean, Mr. J. Adams, and Mr. L. Morris.

*Resolved*, That an order be drawn on the treasurers in favour of Carpenter Wharton for the sum of 6000 dollars he to be accountable.

A Petition from lieutenant Jocelyn Feltham of the 26th regiment, who was taken prisoner at Ticonderoga was presented and read

read, praying leave to go to Europe for the recovery of his health.

*Resolved*, That the prayer of his petition be granted.

A representation from the committee of inspection and observation of the city and liberties of Philadelphia, relative to vessels loaded for Great Britain, Ireland, and the British West-Indies, was presented to Congress, and read, whereupon,

*Resolved*, That no vessel loaded for Great Britain, Ireland, or the British-West-Indies, be permitted to sail until the further order of Congress; and that it be recommended to the different committees of inspection and observation to see that this resolution be carried into execution.

*Ordered*, That the above resolve be published.

*Resolved*, That a committee of five be appointed to examine and report the numbers and circumstances of the permits, and the destination of the vessels, to which such permits have been granted, for exporting the produce of the colonies, in consequence of the importation of ammunition and warlike stores; and that the representation of the committee of inspection and observation for the city and liberties of Philadelphia on this subject be referred to the said committee.

The members chosen. Mr. Duane, Mr. Chase, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Livingston, and Mr. Wythe.

A letter from the convention of New-Jersey, dated February 24th was read;

*Resolved*, That the same be referred to the committee to whom the letter from gen Lee, was this morning committed.

*Resolved*, That an order be drawn on the treasurers in favour of the delegates of Maryland for the sum of twenty two thousand dollars, to be by them exchanged for gold and silver, and paid back into the treasury.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

#### TUESDAY, February 27, 1776.

*Resolved*, That Monf. Regonville be permitted to go to Bristol and spend a week with his relations there, and that, after that, he return to Philadelphia.

*Resolved*, That the sum of 100 dollars be paid to Monf. Dugan for his services in the cause of the United Colonies in Canada, and that it be recommended to the commanding officer of the forces of the United Colonies in that province, to advance him to a post in the army suitable to his merit and services.

The committee, to whom the letters from Christopher Lessingwell and others concerning the brigantine Nancy commanded by Thomas Davis and her cargo were referred, brought in their report, which being taken into consideration;

*Resolved*, That the case of the said brigantine and cargo, pertain-  
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eth to the judicature established in the colony of Connecticut for hearing and determining matters of the same kind.

The Congress taking into consideration the report of the committee appointed to consider into what departments the middle and southern colonies ought to be formed;

*Resolved*, That New-York, New-Jersey, Pennsylvania, the Lower Counties on Delaware, and Maryland, be put into one department under the command of one major general, and two brigadiers general with proper staff:

That Virginia, North Carolina, South-Carolina, and Georgia, be put into one other department, under the command of one major general, and three brigadiers general with proper staff:

That Friday next be assigned for the election of the majors general, brigadiers general, and staff officers in the foregoing departments.

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the convention of New-Jersey, to have the cargo of the transport Blue Mountain Valley landed, and secured in some safe place till further orders of Congress.

The order of the day being renewed.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, February 28, 1776.

*Resolved*, That general Lee be directed not to proceed to Canada, until he receive further orders from Congress.

The committee to whom the letters from general Lee and the convention of New-Jersey were referred, brought in their report which was read.

*Resolved*, That the consideration thereof be postponed till to-morrow.

*Resolved*, That the secret committee be directed to repay to the delegates of North-Carolina, the four hundred weight of powder borrowed of that colony.

The committee on prisoners, to whom the letter from the committee of safety of Pennsylvania was referred, brought in their report, which was taken into consideration, and thereupon

*Resolved*, That the committee of inspection and observation, for the county of Berks in Pennsylvania, be authorised and requested to contract upon reasonable terms for the subsistence of such of the prisoners now in Reading, as are not supplied by Mr. Franks, together with the women and children belonging to all the prisoners there, and for supplying them with fire-wood and other things absolutely necessary for their support:

That the committees of inspection and observation for the counties, districts, or towns assigned for the residence of prisoners, be impowered to superintend their conduct, and in cases of gross misbehaviour to confine them, and report to Congress the proceedings had on such occasions.

*Ordered*,



*Ordered*, That the foregoing resolve be published.

*Resolved*, That the committee of safety of Pennsylvania, agreeable to the offer made by them of their service, of which Congress have a proper sense, be authorised to distribute the officers, who are prisoners in Lancaster, in such places within the province of Pennsylvania, as to that committee shall seem most proper; taking their parole, which if they refuse to give, the said committee are impowered and directed to confine them; and that in executing this resolve, the said committee have regard to the resolutions heretofore made by Congress, with respect to prisoners and their residence.

A petition of Anthony Marmajou, master and owner of the brig Little Polly of the island of Martinique, was presented to Congress and read, whereupon

*Resolved*, That Monsieur Marmajou be permitted to load the brigantine Little Polly, in which he imported a small quantity of powder and arms, with the produce of these colonies (horned cattle, sheep, hogs, poultry, and lumber for making casks excepted) and export the same to Martinique; and that the said Anthony Marmajou do take very possible precaution to avoid all British men of war and cutters on his voyage; and that he use his utmost endeavours to import into these colonies the powder and arms mentioned in his petition.

*Resolved*, That an order be drawn on the treasurers, in favour of Mr. J. Mease, for the sum of twenty thousand dollars, he to be accountable.

The committee, to whom the letters from general Schuyler, dated the 10th and 13th of February, and the papers there mentioned were referred, brought in their report, which was taken into consideration, whereupon

*Resolved*, That a sufficient quantity of steel be sent to general Schuyler, or the commanding officer at Albany, for the armourers and the blacksmiths who are appointed to go and work for the Indians, and that the delegates of New-Jersey be desired to provide and forward the same:

That an account of the money paid to the Pennsylvania troops, who have marched to Canada, be sent to general Schuyler:

That the deputy muster-master general, Gunning Bedford, Esq; be directed to repair to his post forthwith in the northern army in Canada, and that he muster the troops once in every month, and make returns to Congress and the commanding officer:

That the orders given by general Schuyler, in his letter of the 12th instant, to lieutenant colonel Warner be approved.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY.



THURSDAY, February 29, 1776.

The colony of New Hampshire having appointed delegates for the present year, William Whipple, Esq; one of the said delegates attended and produced the credentials of their appointment, which were read as follows:

*“ Colony of New Hampshire, in the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 23, 1776.*

*“ Voted, That Josiah Bartlett, John Langdon, and William Whipple, Esqrs. be and hereby are appointed delegates to represent this colony in the Continental Congress at Philadelphia, for the term of one year from this time, any one of them in the absence of the others to have full power to represent this colony, and that not more than two of them attend at one time. Sent up for concurrence.*

P. WHITE, *Speaker,*

In COUNCIL, *eodem die.*

Read and concurred.

E. THOMPSON, *Secretary.*

*A true Copy from the Journal of Council.*

*Attest.*

E. THOMPSON, *Secretary.”*

A letter of the 14th from general Washington, inclosing a letter from lord Drummond to general Robinson, and sundry other papers, was read.

Agreeable to the order of the day, the Congress resolved itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the letter from general Washington of the 9th instant, and the trade of the colonies after the 1st of March; and after some time the president resumed the chair, and Mr. Ward reported that the committee not having come to a conclusion, desired him to move for leave to sit again.

*Resolved,* That this Congress will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into farther consideration the letter from general Washington, and the trade of the colonies.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, March 1. 1776.

A letter from the Committee of safety of New Hampshire, with a petition from the said colony, and sundry other papers were read,  
*Resolved,* That the same be referred to a committee of three.

The members chosen, Mr. Wythe, Mr. Braxton, and Dr. Franklin.

A petition from the inhabitants of Falmouth being presented was read.

*Resolved,* That it be referred to a committee of three.

The members chosen, Mr. W. Livingston, Mr. Read, and Mr. Paca.

A letter from J. Mease commissary, with sundry Queries, to which he

he requests the answers of Congress, that he may know how to conduct the business intrusted to him, was laid before Congress and read.

*Resolved*, That the same be referred to a committee of three.

The members chosen, Mr. Rutledge, Mr. Paine, and Mr. Hewes.

A memorial of the merchants, traders, and others, of the city of Philadelphia, was presented and read.

*Resolved*, That it be referred to a committee of the whole.

The general assembly of Massachusetts-Bay having transmitted to Congress a state of the accounts of their colony against the continent.

*Resolved*, That the same be referred for liquidation to the committee of claims.

*Resolved*, That an addition of thirty four dollars a month be added to the pay of Joseph Reed, Esq. secretary to gen. Washington, on account of the extraordinary services at present attending that office, by reason of the General's direction of the naval department.

*Resolved*, That this Congress will to morrow resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the letter of gen. Washington, of the 14th, with the papers enclosed.

*Resolved*, That the secret committee be directed to treat with the owners of some medicines lately imported, and to purchase the same on the most reasonable terms for the use of the continent.

*Resolved*, That major gen. Lee be appointed to take the command of the continental forces in the southern department.

The Congress proceeded to the election of six brigadier generals, and the ballots being delivered in and examined, the following gentlemen were chosen.

John Armstrong, Esq.

William Thompson, Esq.

Andrew Lewis, Esq.

James Moore, Esq.

The right honorable William, earl of Sterling.

Robert Howe, Esq.

*Resolved*, That brigadier gen. Armstrong be directed to repair to South-Carolina, brigadiers Lewis and Howe to Virginia, and brigadier Moore to North-Carolina, and to take the command of the forces in those respective Colonies, until they receive further orders from Congress or a superior officer.

*Resolved*, That brigadier gen. Thompson be directed to repair to New-York.

The orders of the day being postponed.

Adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday.

MONDAY,

MONDAY, March 4. 1776.

*Resolved*, That Mr. Alsop be appointed a member of the committee of claims in the room of Mr. Lewis who is absent, and Mr. Whipple in the room of Mr. Bartlett, who desires to be excused from that service.

*Resolved*, That in case of the absence of any standing member of the committee of claims, the delegates of the colony to which he belongs, be empowered to nominate one of their number to act in the stead of the absent member, till his return.

Sundry letters and papers were received and read, viz.

A letter from the convention of New-York, of 28th February inclosing a recommendation of gentlemen for field officers of the four battalions ordered to be raised in that colony :

*Resolved*, That the same be referred for consideration till to-morrow.

A memorial from sundry merchants of Montreal, respecting the Indian trade.

A resolution of the committee of inspection for the county of Accomac.

Two letters from brigadier general Wooster of the 11th and 13th February, with seven papers enclosed.

Two from brigadier general Arnold, one of the 1st, and the other of the 12th of February.

Four from general Schuyler dated the 15th, 20th, 21st, and 23d of the same month.

One from general Lee of the 29th.

One from the convention of New-Hampshire, of the 8th.

And one from the committee of safety of Pennsylvania.

*Resolved*, That the memorial from the merchants of Montreal, be referred to a committee of five.

The members chosen, Mr. Wilson, Mr. J. Adams, Mr. W. Livingston, Mr. L. Morris, and Mr. Tilghman.

That the resolution from the committee of Accomac, be referred to the committee of the whole Congress.

That the letters from major generals Lee and Schuyler, and from brigadier generals Wooster and Arnold be referred to the committee appointed to prepare instructions for the commissioners going to Canada.

That the other letters be referred for consideration till to-morrow.

The committee appointed to examine and report the number and circumstances of the permits granted for exporting produce &c. brought in their report, which was taken into consideration ; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the restraint be taken off, which by a resolve of the 26th of last month was laid upon vessels loading or loaded with produce for Great-Britain, Ireland, or the British West-Indies in consequence of permissions granted for arms and ammunition imported into these colonies.

*Resolved*, That the secret committee be directed with all possible

expedition to send, under a guard, ten tons of powder to Cambridge; for the use of the army under the command of gen. Washington.

The committee to whom the memorial from sundry inhabitants of Northumberland, and the petition from the inhabitants near Pittsburgh were referred, brought in their report, which was read:

Ordered, to lie on the table for the perusal of the members.

*Resolved*, That colonel Beletre, major Longeuil, and capt. Lotbiniere, three of the Canadian prisoners who are at Bristol in Pennsylvania, be permitted to come to Philadelphia, to confer with the committee on prisoners.

The order of the day being renewed.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, March 5. 1776.

Two letters from gen. Schuyler, dated the 26 and 27 February, with four papers inclosed, among which was a letter from James Deane to gen. Schuyler, of the 24th of the same month, were received and read.

*Resolved*, That the letter from James Deane be referred to a committee of three.

The members chosen, Mr. Rutledge, Mr. Wythe, and Mr. W. Livingston.

The Congress took into consideration the report of the committee on the memorial from the inhabitants of Northumberland, &c. whereupon,

*Resolved*, As the said memorial relates merely to disputes between the memorialists and other inhabitants of said county, and to complaints against justices of the peace of the said county, and as the common courts of judicature, and especially the legislature of the colony of Pennsylvania are altogether competent for remedying the grievancies complained of, that the said memorial with the papers therewith delivered, be transmitted to the assembly of said colony.

The Congress then resolved itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the letter from gen. Washington of the 14th of February, and the papers inclosed, and after some time the president resumed the chair, and Mr. Harrison reported, that the committee have had under consideration the letter and papers to them referred, but have come to no resolution thereon.

*Resolved*, That the letter from gen. Washington, so far as it has not been considered by the committee of the whole, be referred to the committee to whom his other letters of the 24th and 30th of January were referred.

The order of the day being renewed.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, March 6. 1776.

A letter from gen. Washington of the 26 February was read.

*Resolved*,



*Resolved*, That it be referred to the committee to whom his other letters are referred.

A letter from J. Palmer inclosing a report of a committee of the general assembly of Massachusetts-Bay respecting lead, was read ;

*Resolved*, That the committee appointed on the 31st of July last, to enquire in all the colonies after virgin-lead, leaden-ore, and the best method of collecting, smelting, and refining it, and also the cheapest and easiest methods of making salt in these colonies, be discharged, and that the business of the said committee be referred to the committee appointed on the 23d of February last, to consider of farther ways and means of promoting and encouraging the manufacture of salt-petre, &c.

*Resolved*, That the letter from J. Palmer with the inclosed report be referred to the last mentioned committee.

A letter from gen. Washington dated 18th and 21st of February last, inclosing the proceedings of a council of war was read.

*Resolved*, That brigadier gen. Thomas be appointed to command the forces in Canada, and that gen. Washington be directed to order him immediately to repair to that province.

*Resolved*, That brigadier gen. Thomas be promoted to the rank of a major general, and that a commission be sent to him accordingly.

*Ordered*, That the president acquaint gen. Washington by express of this arrangement.

*Resolved*, As sundry members of the marine committee are absent, that their places be supplied by Mr. Huntington for Connecticut, Mr. Sergeant for New-Jersey, Mr. Harrison for Virginia, and Mr. E. Rutledge for South Carolina.

*Resolved*, That the secret committee be directed to send five tons of powder to New-York for the use of the continental troops there, and five tons of powder to the southern department for the use of the troops in said department :

That the said committee be directed to return to the colony of Maryland the powder borrowed by Mr. Harrison, and to the colony of New-York and to the committee of safety of Pennsylvania the powder borrowed of them :

That the said committee be directed to deliver to the delegates of the Delaware government one ton of powder, for which they are to be accountable, and to the delegates of New-Jersey one ton of powder, for which that colony is to be accountable.

*Resolved*, That the president inform gen. Schuyler, that the Congress judge it necessary he should remain at Albany to make the proper arrangements respecting the army destined for Canada, and therefore that he establish his head quarters at Albany until further orders.

*Resolved*, That Thomas Bullet, Esq; be appointed deputy adjutant general in the southern department, with the rank of lieutenant-colonel.

*Resolved*

*Resolved*, That the secret committee be directed to deliver to colonel Wayne the arms in their possession, for the use of his battalion, retaining so many as will be necessary for the guard that is to attend the powder to Cambridge.

The order of the day being renewed.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to morrow.

THURSDAY, March 7, 1776.

A letter from gen. Washington of the 29th of February, and a letter from gen. Schuyler of the 23d of the same month, were received and read.

*Resolved*, That an order for one hundred thousand dollars be drawn on the treasurers, in favour of the delegates of Connecticut, in part of the money advanced by said colony on account of the continent; and that the said colony be desired to send forward their accounts with proper vouchers, in order for liquidation and payment.

The Congress being informed that Isaac Melchior, on the evening of Saturday last, treated the president of this Congress with great rudeness, and made use of several disrespectful and contemptuous expressions towards him and this Congress.

*Ordered*, That the said Isaac Melchior attend the Congress to-morrow morning at eleven o'clock, to answer for his conduct.

*Resolved*, That Edward Hand, Esq; be promoted to be colonel of the battalion of rifle-men in the army at Cambridge, and James Chambers, Esq; to be lieutenant colonel of the same.

That William Winds, Esq; be promoted to be colonel, of the first New-Jersey battalion, and that Mathias Ogden, Esq. be appointed lieutenant colonel of the same.

*Resolved*, That the committee on qualifications be directed to supply the first and third New-Jersey battalions with proper medicine chests and instruments.

A letter from lord Stirling, with affidavits, relative to the capture of the Amboy packet boat, was laid before Congress and read.

*Resolved*, That it be referred to the committee to whom the letters from gen. Washington were referred.

The committee to whom the letter from the committee of safety of New-Hampshire was referred, brought in their report, which was read,

The committee of claims reported that there is due,

To Hall and Sellers, for printing the continental bills of credit, the sum of 1735.4 dollars:

To Frederick Becking, for 102 reams of paper for the continental bills of credit, the sum 707.2 dollars:

To the estate of David Hall, deceased, for stationary for the service of Congress, the sum of 50.6 dollars:

To Robert Erwin, for twenty cords of wood, the sum of 80 dollars:

To

To Wallore Meng, for canteen straps, the of 84.3 dollars:

To Jared Tracey, for carrying money from Philadelphia to Cambridge the sum of 36 dollars, and that the same ought to be paid to Josiah Bartlett, Esq:

To fundries on certificates for provisions furnished several rifle companies the sum of 35.3 dollars, and that the same ought to be paid to John Alsop, Esq:

To Thomas Apty, for boarding several prisoners taken from on board the Rebecca and Ann, the sum of 54.7 dollars:

To Robert Erwin for waggonage, the sum of 637.7 dollars.

*Ordered*, That the above accounts be paid.

*Resolved*, That to morrow be assigned for electing the field officers of the four battalions ordered to be raised in the colony of New-York, for the defence of the said colony.

The order of the day being renewed.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to morrow.

FRIDAY, March 8. 1776.

Agreeable to the order of the day, the Congress proceeded to the election of field officers of the four battalions, ordered to be raised in the colony of New-York for the defence of the said colony, and the ballots being taken, the following gentlemen were chosen:

Alexander M'Dougal, Esq. colonel	} of the 1st battalion.
Herman Zedwitz, Esq. lieutenant colonel	
Joseph Benedict, Esq. major	
James Clinton, Esq. colonel	} of the 2d ditto.
Henry B. Livingston, Esq. lieut. colonel	
Peter P. Schuyler, Esq. major	
Frederick Wiefenfels, Esq. lieut. colonel	} of the 3d ditto.
John Fisher, Esq. major	
Cornelius D. Wyncoop, Esq. colonel	} of the 4th ditto.
Philip Courtlandt, Esq. lieutenant colonel	
John Nicholson, Esq. major.	

The Congress being informed that Mr. Melchior was attending agreeable to the orders of yesterday.

*Ordered*, That he be called in.

Mr. Melchior appearing, the particulars of the charge were repeated to him, and on his assuring the house of his not remembering his having behaved with the disrespect mentioned, owing to the particular circumstances he happened to be under, and asking pardon of the Congress and president for his indecent behaviour,

*Ordered*, That in consideration of Mr. Melchior's former services and his present concessions, he be dismissed from farther attendance.

The committee to whom the letters from major gen. Schuyler, brigadier gen. Wooster, and brigadier gen. Arnold were referred, brought



brought in their report, which was taken into consideration ; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the commissioners appointed to go to Canada, be desired to inquire into the cause of the imprisonment of the officers of militia in that country and others, and take such measures in concert with the commanding officer of the continental forces there, for their enlargement or confinement, as are consistent with the principles of justice, and the safety of the United Colonies.

That the provisions made by gen. Lee and gen. Schuyler to supply the army in Canada with pork, the direction given by gen. Lee to have wheat ground into flour for their use, and his contract with the company of carpenters be approved; and that Mr. Peter Zabriskie, of Hackinsack, be employed to transport the pork, to be procured in New-Jersey, to Hudson's River, according to gen. Schuyler's desire.

That when the articles specified, in the rations allowed to the prisoners of war, cannot be procured, the persons who supply them with other provisions be intitled to eight pence, New-York currency, or *one-twelfth* of a dollar per day for every prisoner:

That Indians be not employed as soldiers in the armies of the United Colonies, before the tribes to which they belong, shall in a national council, held in the customary manner, have consented thereunto, nor then, without express approbation of Congress.

That gen. Schuyler be directed to provide such a number of batteaus for the service in Canada, as shall be sufficient for it.

That gen. Schuyler be desired to purchase the cloth, which Mr. Henry of Albany hath for tents.

That the committee of inspection and observation for the city and liberties of Philadelphia, be desired to collect all the gold and silver coin they can, to be exchanged for continental bills of credit, for the service of Canada.

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to enquire and report the best ways and means of supplying the army in Canada, with provisions and necessaries:

The members chosen, Mr. Gerry, Mr. Wolcott, and Mr. L. Morris.

*Resolved*, That an order for 10,000 dollars be drawn on the treasurers, in favour of the committee appointed to contract for the making of muskets, the said committee to be accountable.

A letter from colonel Hazen, of the 18th of February last, inclosing an account and estimate of the losses he has sustained, was received and read.

*Resolved*, That the same be referred to Mr. Wythe, Mr. Sherman, Mr. Ward, and Mr. S. Adams, who are directed to examine the said account, and report upon the several articles.

A letter from governor Trumbull, of the 2d, and a letter from gen. Lee, of the 5th, being received were read.

Adjourned



Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

SATURDAY, *March 9. 1776.*

*Resolved*, That a letter be written to gen. Washington, desiring him to send capt. Connor of the rifle battalion to Philadelphia, the Congress having occasion to employ him in the southern department.

The committee appointed to prepare instructions for the commissioners going to Canada, brought in a draught which was read.

*Ordered*, To lie on the table for the perusal of the members.

Two petitions, one from Stephen Decatur, master of the schooner L'Esperience, and one from John Baptisto Hugonence, master of the Tartar the Marc Anthony, were presented to Congress and read, praying leave to export certain species of produce, on conditions specified in their petitions.

*Resolved*, That the prayer of said petitions be granted.

*Resolved*, That a committee of five be appointed to take into consideration the state of the colonies in the southern department.

The members chosen, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Jay, Mr. S. Adams, Mr. Sergeant, and Mr. Sherman.

*Resolved*, That the following gentlemen be appointed and authorized to sign and number the bills of credit of four millions of dollars now emitting, *viz.*

Samuel Morris, John Kaighn, Nicholas Garrison, Joseph Watkins, Anthony Morris, Frederic Kuhl, Matthew Clarkson, John Ord, William Webb, Isaac Hazlehurst, Thomas Morris, Mordecai Lewis, Cornelius Barnes, Jonathan B. Smith, Robert Tuckniss, Thomas Coombe, Daniel Clymer, George Campbell, Joseph Parker, Robert Evans, Adam Hubly, Joel Evans, John Mease, John Purviance, Robert Hazlehurst, Walter Shee, Joseph Redman, Phineas Bond, William Masters, John Salter, John Howard, Thomas Leech, Thomas Smith, Philip Kinsey, Robert Roberts, Isaac Howell, James Milligan, Tench Tilghman, Joseph Bullock, David Duncan, John Shaw, jun. James Thompson, Benjamin Brannan, Samuel Sellers, Isaac Pearson, John Sellers, Benjamin Jacobs, Israel Wheeler, Josiah Hewes, Andrew Tybout, George Douglas, Peter Stretch, Samuel C. Morris, Samuel Hillegas, Nathan Sellers, George Gray, jun. James Ash, Samuel Maffey, John Williams, and William Coates.

*Resolved*, That before the signers enter upon their office they shall respectively take an oath or affirmation before any magistrate, which shall be filed with the committee of treasury, to the following effect; that they shall well and truly sign and number all the bills to be delivered to them by the inspectors of the press appointed by the Congress, and the same so signed and numbered, shall deliver or cause to be delivered to the continental treasurers, or one of them.

And

And for avoiding the dangers from fire, robbery, or negligence;  
*Resolved*, That the inspectors of the preſs ſhall not deliver to any claſs of ſigners more than two parcels of two hundred ſheets each, to be in their hands at any one time.

*Resolved*, That no oath by way of teſt be impoſed upon, exacted, or required of any of the inhabitants of theſe colonies, by any military officers.

*Resolved*, That the ſecret committee be directed to deliver one ton of powder to the delegates of Maryland, for the public ſervice in that colony.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred being poſtpoſed.

Adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday next.

MONDAY, *March 11*, 1776.

A letter from lord Stirling of the 8th incloſing three papers; and, A letter of the convention of New-York of the 7th, incloſing an application from Patrick Sinclair, a priſoner, for leave to return to Europe, were laid before Congreſs and read.

The Congreſs taking into conſideration the letter from the convention of New-York, and the application of P. Sinclair.

*Resolved*, That Patrick Sinclair be allowed to return to Europe.

*Resolved*, That an order for 2500 dollars be drawn on the treaſurers in favour of Mr. Alſop, Mr. Lewis, and Mr. Sherman, to enable them to pay for the ſhoes purchaſed by them for the northern army.

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to confer with gen. Lee, reſpecting the ways and means of defending New-York.

The members choſen, Mr. R. H. Lee, Mr. Whipple, and Mr. Rutledge.

The committee of claims reported that there is due,

To Benjamin Town, for 789 canteens, the ſum of 341.9 dollars.

*Ordered*, That the ſame be paid.

*Resolved*, That the committee on qualifications be directed to provide ſix medicine cheſts for the ſix Virginia battalions.

The Congreſs took into conſideration the inſtructions to the commiſſioners going to Canada, and having ſpent ſome time thereon,

*Resolved*, That the farther conſideration thereof be poſtpoſed till to morrow.

The matters to this day referred being poſtpoſed.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, *March 12*. 1776.

*Resolved*, That an order for 20,000 dollars be drawn on the treaſurers in favour of James Meaſe commiſſary, he to be accountable.

A petition from Edmund Cuſtis, and a letter from the committees of Accomac and Northampton, were preſented to Congreſs, and read;

*Resolved*,

*Resolved*, That the same be referred to the committee of the whole Congress.

A letter from sundry inhabitants of Westmoreland, of the 6th instant, was read.

Ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from Dr. Hall Jackson, was presented to Congress and read.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The Congress then resumed the consideration of the instructions to the commissioners going to Canada, and after some time spent thereon.

*Resolved*, That the farther consideration thereof be postponed till to-morrow.

The committee to whom the letter from colonel Moses Hazen, and the report of persons appointed to state the account of losses and damages sustained by him in Canada were referred, brought in their report, which was read as follows :

It appears to your committee that the loss and damage sustained by colonel Hazen in Canada, have not been estimated with sufficient accuracy; that some of the articles enumerated in the inventory are presumed to be over-rated, the quantities of several others reducible to exactness in number, weight, or measure, are not ascertained, and the reasons for the knowledge or belief of any of them by the witnesses, are not explicit enough in their examinations; that although the grain, grass, and hay mentioned in the account are admitted by col. Hazen, in his letter, to have been partly destroyed by the ministerial troops, the whole value is extended; that the estimate of crops are so general, it cannot be discovered by what rule they were formed, or to what standard adjusted; that the damage done to the dwelling-house, stone-house, out-houses, barn, and farms, are not particularised or specified; that a considerable part of what a re-imbursment is claimed for, is household-furniture, wearing-apparel, tools, utensils, cables, and anchors, suggested to have been plundered by the troops of the United Colonies and Canadians, who joined them; and your committee believe that no reparation of the like kind hath yet been made by Congress; and that the profit which might have been made of the mills and houses, if the owner had not been deprived of the use of them, being merely contingent and conjectural, are such as have not usually been made good in similar cases. Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the commissioners who are going to Canada be desired to appoint proper persons to examine, state, and settle an account of the loss and damage colonel Hazen hath sustained in his property and possessions in Canada, by the forces of the United Colonies, and report the same, with any special matters they may think fit, to Congress; annexing to their reports, the estimates, examinations of the witnesses, and other papers relative thereto:

*Resolved*, That if any of the gentlemen appointed field officers in the four battalions raising in New-York, for the defence of that colony, are provided for in Canada, they be directed to continue there, exercising the offices to which they are appointed, and that others be elected in their room in the four battalions aforesaid; and that such of them as are not provided for in Canada, be directed immediately to repair to their respective battalions.

The matters to this day referred being postponed.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, *March 13. 1776.*

A letter from the committee of Essex in New-Jersey, of the 7th, and a letter from captain J. Macpherson of the 12th, were laid before Congress, and read.

*Resolved*, That on order for 1000 dollars be drawn on the treasurers in favour of Samuel Fairlamb, contractor for supplying col. Wayne's battalion with rations, he to be accountable.

*Resolved*, That the bills drawn by the treasurers of North-Carolina, for the use of the continental troops in that colony be paid.

*Resolved*, That the secret committee be directed to supply the colony of Maryland with 500 lb. of powder, for the use of the inhabitants of Cecil county.

*Resolved*, That a committee of seven be appointed to inquire and report the best ways and means of raising the necessary supplies to defray the expences of the war for the present year, over and above the emission of bills of credit.

The members chosen, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Duane, Mr. Hewes, Mr. Gerry, Mr. R. Morris, Mr. Ward, and Mr. Wythe.

The committee of claims reported that there is due,

To sundries, for expences incurred at the oration in memory of general Montgomery, the sum of 94.3 dollars, and that the same ought to be paid to Dr. Franklin.

*Ordered*, That the same be paid.

The committee to whom the memorial from the indian traders at Montreal was referred, brought in their report.

The Congress then resolved itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the memorial from the merchants, traders, and others, inhabitants of Philadelphia, the memorial of Edmund Cuffis, the letters from the committees of Accomac and Northampton, the letters from general Washington, and the state of the trade of the United Colonies, and after some time the president resumed the chair, and Mr. Ward reported that the committee have had under consideration the matters referred to them, but not having come to any resolution desired him to move for leave to sit again.

*Resolved*, That this Congress will to-morrow resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into their farther consideration the matters heretofore referred to them.

Mr.



Mr. W. Livingston moved for leave to bring in a resolution for appointing a fast, which was granted.

*Resolved*, That the marine committee be impowered to purchase the armed vessel now in the river Delaware, on the most reasonable terms, for the services of the continent, and that her destination be left to said committee.

*Resolved*, That the expences of the horses of aids de camp, when travelling in the public service, be charged to the account of the United Colonies.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, March 14, 1776.

The committee appointed to confer with general Lee respecting the defence of New-York, brought in their report, which was read; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That eight thousand men be ordered for the defence of the colony of New-York.

*Resolved*, That orders issue to colonel Irvine, colonel Shee, and colonel Magaw, of the Pennsylvania troops, and to colonel Dayton of the New-Jersey troops, to march immediately with their respective battalions to New-York, and to put themselves under the direction of the commanding officer there.

A letter from general Prescott of the 14th, was laid before Congress and read;

*Resolved*, That the committee on prisoners be directed to confer with gen. Prescott on the subject of his letter, and report to Congress.

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the several assemblies, conventions, and committees or councils of safety of the United Colonies, immediately to cause all persons to be disarmed within their respective colonies, who are notoriously disaffected to the cause of America, or who have not associated, and shall refuse to associate to defend by arms these United Colonies, against the hostile attempts of the British fleets and armies; and to apply the arms taken from such persons in each respective colony, in the first place, to the arming the continental troops raised in said colony, in the next, to the arming such troops as are raised by the colony for its own defence, and the residue to be applied to the arming the associators; that the arms when taken be appraised by indifferent persons, and such as are applied to the arming the continental troops be paid for by the Congress, and the residue by the respective assemblies, conventions, or councils, or committees of safety:

*Ordered*, That a copy of the foregoing resolution be transmitted by the delegates of each colony, to their respective assemblies, conventions, or councils or committees of safety.

The committee of claims reported that there is due,

To William Hencher, for waggon-hire, in conveying captain Stevenson's baggage, &c. to Cambridge, the sum of 58.3 dollars, and that the same ought to be paid to Moses Hunter:

To

To Rachel Stille, for boarding several officers, prisoners, to the 8th of March instant, the sum of 224.7 dollars:

To Joseph Fineur, for five hundred and eleven tin cartridge boxes, the sum of 221.4 dollars.

*Ordered*, That the above accounts be paid.

The matters to this day referred being postponed.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, *March 15. 1776.*

Sundry letters being received were laid before Congress and read, viz.

One from general Washington of the 7th, with two papers inclosed, with a number of intercepted letters; two from lord Stirling dated the 12th and 13th; one from lieutenant-colonel Allen of the 13th; one from the convention of New-York; and, one from general Schuyler of the 6th.

*Resolved*, That the expences of the horses of general officers, when travelling in the service of the continent, be defrayed by the United Colonies.

*Ordered*, That Mr. R. H. Lee, and Mr. Franklin call on general Lee, and direct him immediately to repair to the southern department, and take the command of the forces there.

*Resolved*, That four muskets and bayonets be lent to the delegates of Virginia, for the use of the guards that accompany the powder sent to that colony.

The Congress resolved itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the state of New-York, and after some time the president resumed the chair, and Mr. Harrison reported that the committee have come to certain resolutions, which they directed him to lay before Congress, which being done.

*Resolved*, That captain Nelson with his rifle company be directed immediately to repair to New-York.

*Resolved*, That the governor of Connecticut, the conventions or councils or committees of safety of New-York and New-Jersey be requested to hold their militia in readiness to march in such numbers and at such times for the defence of New-York, as the continental commander at New-York shall desire; and that the pay of the militias called to the defence of New-York be the same as that of the continental troops raised and employed in the middle department, to commence from the time they begin their march.

*Resolved*, That lord Stirling be directed to order the troops destined for Canada to proceed on their march, agreeable to their former orders.

The matters to this day referred being postponed.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

SATURDAY, *March 16, 1776.*

A letter from lord Stirling of the 14th, inclosing a copy of general

neral orders for the defence of New-York, was laid before Congress and read.

*Resolved*, That a letter be written to Lord Stirling, directing him immediately to send forward the powder destined for Cambridge, unless he has received express advice from general Washington, that the enemy's fleet and army have sailed out of the harbour of Boston.

*Resolved*, That the account of Mr. Price of Canada be referred to the committee of claims.

A petition from Coquataginta or captain White Eyes, was presented to Congress and read,

*Resolved*, That it be referred to a committee of three.

The members chosen, Mr. L. Morris, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. R. H. Lee

*Resolved*, That captain Duncan Campbell, a prisoner at Lancaster, be permitted to come to Philadelphia to meet his wife and children, and there reside till further orders.

Mr. W. Livingston, pursuant to leave granted, brought in a resolution for appointing a fast, which being taken into consideration, was agreed to, as follows:

In times of impending calamity and distress; when the liberties of America are imminently endangered by the secret machinations and open assaults of an insidious and vindictive administration, it becomes the indispensable duty of these hitherto free and happy colonies, with true penitence of heart, and the most reverent devotion, publicly to acknowledge the over-ruling providence of God: to confess and deplore our offences against him; and to supplicate his interposition for averting the threatened danger, and prospering our strenuous efforts in the cause of freedom, virtue, and posterity.

The Congress, therefore, considering the warlike preparations of the British ministry to subvert our invaluable rights and privileges, and to reduce us, by fire and sword, by the savages of the wilderness, and our own domestics, to the most abject and ignominious bondage: Desirous, at the same time to have people of all ranks and degrees duly impressed with a solemn sense of God's superintending providence, and of their duty, devoutly to rely in all their lawful enterprizes on his aid and direction, do earnestly recommend, that Friday, the 17th day of May next, be observed by the said colonies as a day of humiliation, fasting, and prayer; that we may with united hearts confess and bewail our manifold sins and transgressions, and by a sincere repentance and amendment of life, appease his righteous displeasure, and through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, obtain his pardon and forgiveness; humbly imploring his assistance to frustrate the cruel purposes of our unnatural enemies; and by inclining their hearts to justice and benevolence, prevent the further effusion of kindred blood. But if, continuing deaf to the voice of reason and humanity, and inflexibly bent

bent on desolation and war, they constrain us to repel their hostile invasions by open resistance, that it may please the LORD of Hosts, the God of Armies, to animate our officers and soldiers with invincible fortitude, to guard and protect them in the day of battle, and to crown the continental arms by sea and land with victory and success: Earnestly beseeching him to bless our civil rulers, and the representatives of the people, in their several assemblies and conventions; to preserve and strengthen their union, to inspire them with an ardent disinterested love of their country; to give wisdom and stability to their councils; and direct them to the most efficacious measures for establishing the rights of America on the most honourable and permanent basis—that he would be graciously pleased to bless all his people in these colonies with health and plenty, and grant that a spirit of incorruptible patriotism, and of pure undefiled religion, may universally prevail; and this continent be speedily restored to the blessings of peace and liberty, and enabled to transmit them inviolate to the latest posterity. And it is recommended to christians of all denominations to assemble for public worship, and abstain from servile labour on the said day.

*Resolved*, That another brigadier general be appointed in the continental army.

The ballots being taken and examined,

The baron de Woedtke was elected.

*Resolved*, That Frederic William, baron de Woedtke, appointed brigadier general in the army of the United Colonies, be ordered immediately to repair to New-York, there to remain until the commissioners appointed to go into Canada shall reach that colony: and that he be directed to join and accompany them into Canada, and there serve under the commander of the continental troops in that province.

*Resolved*, That Carpenter Wharton continue, agreeable to his contract, to supply with rations the Pennsylvania battalions serving in New-York.

A petition from Joseph Blewer, and Daniel Robinson was presented to Congress and read.

*Resolved*, That it be referred to a committee of the whole Congress.

The Congress then resolved itself into a committee of the whole, to take into their farther consideration the memorial from the merchants, traders, and others, inhabitants of Philadelphia, the memorial from Edmund Custis, the letters from the committees of Accomac and Northampton, and the petition from Joseph Blewer and Daniel Robinson, &c. And after some time the president resumed the chair, and Mr. Harrison reported that the committee have had under consideration the matters to them referred, but not having come to a conclusion, desired him to move for leave to sit again.

*Resolved*,



*Resolved*, That this Congress will on Monday next resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into their farther consideration the matters referred to them.

Adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday.

MONDAY, *March 18, 1776.*

*Resolved*, That the treasurers be directed to lay on the table an account of the silver and gold coin in the treasury.

*Resolved*, That Mon<sup>r</sup>. Arundel be directed to repair to the southern department, and put himself under the command of general Lee; and that general Lee, if he find him capable, be directed to employ him in the artillery service.

*Resolved*, That an order for 20,000 dollars be drawn on the treasurers in favour of Mr. James Mease, to be applied to the procuring necessaries, and to the payment of the subsistence of the Pennsylvania battalions; and that the colonels be directed to account with Mr. Mease for the several sums advanced to them.

The Congress then resolved itself into a committee of the whole to take into their farther consideration the memorial from the merchants, traders, and others, inhabitants of Philadelphia, the memorial of Edmund Custis, the letters from the committees of Accomac and Northampton, and the petition of Joseph Blewer and Daniel Robinson, and after some time the president resumed the chair, and Mr. Harrison reported that the committee have had under consideration the matters to them referred, and have come to sundry resolutions, but that not having concluded, they desired him to move for leave to sit again.

Mr. Henry not having accepted the commission of colonel the Congress proceeded to the election of a colonel for the first Virginia battalion, and the ballots being taken,

William Christian, Esq; formerly lieutenant-colonel in said battalion, was elected colonel; and,

Francis Eppes, Esq; formerly major, was elected lieutenant-colonel; and,

John Green, Esq; was elected major.

*Resolved*, That this Congress will to-morrow again resolve itself into a committee of the whole to take into their farther consideration the matters referred to them.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, *March 19, 1776.*

*Resolved*, That Mon<sup>r</sup>. Dohicky Arundel be appointed a captain of artillery in the continental service.

That general Lee be directed to set on foot the raising a company of artillery, and that it be recommended to the convention or committee of safety of Virginia, to appoint the other officers of the said company of artillery.

A letter

A letter of the 15th from colonel Dayton was laid before Congress and read.

*Resolved*, That it be referred to the committee for procuring muskets.

A letter of the 17th from the convention of New-Jersey was laid before Congress and read; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That captain Woolverton with his company be taken into the service of the United Colonies; and that he be directed to repair with his company as soon as properly armed and accoutered, to New-York, and put himself under the commanding officer there; and that the pay of captain Woolverton's company commence from the time they are provided with arms and accoutrements.

A letter from colonel Beletre, a Canadian prisoner, and sundry letters from Cameron and Smith were read.

*Resolved*, That they be referred to the committee on prisoners.

*Resolved*, That the secret committee be directed to supply captain Barry of the brig Lexington with one ton of powder.

*Ordered*, That the committee, to whom was referred the state and situation of the prisoners at Trenton, report thereon as soon as possible.

*Resolved*, That the sum of 250,000 dollars be sent to the paymaster general, for the use of the army under the immediate command of general Washington.

That the sum of 50,000 dollars be sent to general Schuyler, for the use of the army under his command.

The committee appointed to prepare instructions &c. to the commissioners going to Canada, brought in a draught of farther instructions, and of a commission, which was read.

The Congress then resolved itself into a committee of the whole, to take into their farther consideration the memorial from the merchants, traders, and others, inhabitants of Philadelphia, the memorial from Edmund Custis, the letters from the committees of Accomac and Northampton, and the petition of Joseph Blewer and Daniel Robinson, and after some time the president resumed the chair, and Mr. Harrison reported that the committee have had under consideration the matters to them referred, and have come to sundry resolutions, which they directed him to lay before Congress,

The report of the committee being read;

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to draw a declaration pursuant to said report, and lay the same before Congress.

The members chosen, Mr. Wythe, Mr. Jay, and Mr. Wilson.

*Resolved*, That it be an instruction to said committee to receive and insert a clause or clauses, that "all seamen and mariners on board of merchant ships and vessels, taken and condemned as prizes,

Prizes, shall be entitled to their pay, according to the terms of their contracts, until the time of condemnation."

The committee to whom the letter and queries of Mr. Mease were referred, brought in their report which was read.

*Ordered*, to lie on the table.

*Resolved*, That Mr. Whipple be appointed a member of the marine committee, and of the committee for receiving the applications and examining the qualifications of gentlemen applying for offices in the continental service.

The committee to whom the letters from general Washington dated the 14th and 26th of February last, and the letter from lord Stirling of the 25th of same month were referred, brought in their report, which was read, and the same being taken into consideration,

*Resolved*, That the first part thereof be re-committed.

*Resolved*, That the value of the passage boat, York, be made good to Michael Kearney, jun. the owner thereof; it appearing that she was impressed into the continental service, and employed in taking the ship Blue Mountain Valley, and for that reason afterwards seized and detained by order of captain Parker, commander of the British ship of war, Phenix; and that lord Stirling be desired to appoint proper persons to value said boat, and report such valuation to Congress.

*Resolved*, That a member be elected for the secret committee in the room of Mr. Bartlett, who is absent.

The ballots being taken,

Mr. R. H. Lee was elected.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, March 20, 1776.

A letter from lord Stirling of the 16th, was laid before Congress and read.

*Resolved*, That three members be elected for the committee appointed to consider the propriety of a war-office in the room of three, who are necessarily absent:

The members chosen, Mr. Duane, Mr. R. H. Lee, and Mr. Johnson.

*Resolved*, That the sum of 3000 dollars be advanced to colonel Magaw for the purpose of purchasing fire arms for his battalion, he to be accountable.

The Congress resumed the consideration of the instructions and commission to the deputies or commissioners going to Canada, and the same being debated by paragraphs, were agreed to, as follows:

INSTRUCTIONS, &c.

Gentlemen,

You are with all convenient dispatch to repair to Canada, and make known to the people of that country, the wishes and intentions of the Congress with respect to them.

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Represent to them that the arms of the United Colonies, having been carried into that province for the purpose of frustrating the designs of the British court against our common liberties, we expect not only to defeat the hostile machinations of gov. Carlton against us, but that we shall put it into the power of our Canadian brethren to pursue such measures for securing their own freedom and happiness, as a generous love of liberty and sound policy shall dictate to them.

Inform them, that in our judgment their interests and ours are inseparably united; that it is impossible we can be reduced to a servile submission to Great Britain without their sharing our fate: And on the other hand, if we shall obtain, as we doubt not we shall, a full establishment of our rights, it depends wholly on their choice whether they will participate with us in those blessings, or still remain subject to every act of tyranny, which British ministers shall please to exercise over them. Urge all such arguments, as your prudence shall suggest, to enforce our opinion concerning the mutual interest of the two countries, and to convince them of the impossibility of the war being concluded to the disadvantage of these colonies, if we wisely and vigorously co-operate with each other.

To convince them of the uprightness of our intentions towards them, you are to declare that it is our inclination, that the people of Canada may set up such a form of government, as will be most likely, in their judgment, to produce their happiness: And you are in the strongest terms to assure them, that it is our earnest desire to adopt them into our union, as a sister colony, and to secure the same general system of mild and equal laws for them and for ourselves, with only such local differences as may be agreeable to each colony respectively.

Assure the people of Canada, that we have no apprehension that the French will take any part with Great Britain; but that it is their interest, and we have reason to believe their inclination to cultivate a friendly intercourse with these colonies.

You are from this, and such other reasons as may appear most proper, to urge the necessity the people are under of immediately taking some decisive step, to put themselves under the protection of the United Colonies. For expediting such a measure, you are to explain to them our method of collecting the sense of the people, and conducting our affairs regularly by committees of observation and inspection in the several districts, and by conventions and committees of safety in the several colonies. Recommend these modes to them. Explain to them the nature and principles of government among freemen; developing, in contrast to those, the base, cruel, and insidious designs involved in the late act of parliament, for making a more effectual provision for the government of the province of Quebec. Endeavour to stimulate them by motives of glory as well as interest, to assume a part in a contest, by which they must be



be deeply affected; and to aspire to a portion of that power, by which they are ruled; and not to remain the mere spoils and prey of conquerors and lords.

You are further to declare, that we hold sacred the rights of conscience, and may promise to the whole people, solemnly in our name the free and undisturbed exercise of their religion, and to the clergy the full, perfect, and peaceable possession and enjoyment of all their estates; that the government of every thing relating to their religion and clergy, shall be left intirely in the hands of the good people of that province, and such legislature as they shall constitute; provided however, that all other denominations of christians be equally entitled to hold offices, and enjoy civil privileges, and the free exercise of their religion, and be totally exempt from the payment of any tithes or taxes for the support of any religion.

Inform them that you are vested by this Congress with full powers to effect these purposes; and therefore press them to have a complete representation of the people assembled in convention with all possible expedition, to deliberate concerning the establishment of a form of government, and a union with the United Colonies. As to the terms of union, insist on the propriety of their being similar to those on which the other colonies unite. Should they object to this, report to this Congress the objections, and the terms on which alone they will come into our union. Should they agree to our terms, you are to promise in the names of the United Colonies, that we will defend and protect the people of Canada against all enemies, in the same manner as we will defend and protect any of the United Colonies.

You are to establish a free press, and to give directions for the frequent publication of such pieces as may be of service to the cause of the United Colonies.

You are to settle all disputes between the Canadians and the continental troops, and to make such regulations relating thereto, as you shall judge proper.

You are to make a strict and impartial inquiry into the cause of the imprisonment of colonel Du Free, lieutenant colonel Nefeu, Major St. George Du Pree, and Major Gray, officers of the militia, and of John Frazer, Esq. late a judge of the police at Montreal, and take such orders concerning them as you shall judge most proper.

In reforming any abuses you may observe in Canada, establishing and enforcing regulations for preservation of peace and good order there, and composing differences between the troops of the United Colonies and the Canadians, all officers and soldiers are required to yield obedience to you; and to enforce the decisions that you or any two of you may make, you are impowered to suspend any military officer from the exercise of his commission, till the pleasure of the Congress shall be known, if you or any two of you shall think it expedient.

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You are also empowered to fit and vote as members of councils of war, in directing fortifications and defences to be made, or to be demolished, by land or by water; and to draw orders on the president for any sums of money, not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars in the whole to defray the expence of the works.

Lastly, You are, by all the means you can use, to promote the execution of the resolutions now made, or hereafter to be made in Congress.

*On Motion Resolved*, That the following additional instructions be given to the commissioners aforesaid.

You are empowered and directed to promote and encourage the trade of Canada with the indian nations, and to grant passports for the carrying it on, as far as it may consist with the safety of the troops, and the public good.

You are also directed and authorized to assure the inhabitants of Canada, that their commerce with foreign nations shall in all respects be put upon an equal footing with, and encouraged and protected in the same manner as the trade of the United Colonies.

You are also directed to use every wise and prudent measure to introduce and give credit and circulation to the continental money in Canada.

In case the former resolution of Congress respecting the English American troops in Canada has not been carried into effect, you are directed to use your best endeavours for forming a battalion of the New-York troops in that country, and to appoint the field and other officers out of the gentlemen who have continued there during the campaign according to their respective ranks and merit. And if it should be found impracticable, you are to direct such of them as are provided for in the four battalions now raising in New York, to repair to their respective corps. To enable you to carry this resolution into effect, you are furnished with blank commissions signed by the president.

*Resolved*, That the memorial from the indian traders residing at Montreal be delivered to the commissioners going to Canada.

The draught of the commission being taken into consideration, and debated by paragraphs was agreed to, as follows:

The delegates of the United Colonies of New-Hampshire, &c. to Benjamin Franklin, L. L. D. member of the royal academy of sciences at Paris, F. R. S. &c. &c. one of the delegates of the colony of Pennsylvania, Samuel Chase, Esq. one of the delegates of the colony of Maryland, and Charles Carroll of Carrollton Esq. of the said colony of Maryland, greeting. Know ye, that we, reposing special trust and confidence in your zeal, fidelity, abilities, and assiduity, do, by these presents, constitute and appoint you, or any two of you, commissioners for and on behalf of us, and all the people of the United Colonies, whom we represent, to promote or to form an union between the said colonies and the people of Canada,

nada, according to the instructions herewith delivered you, and such as you may hereafter receive; and to execute all such matters and things, as you are or shall be directed by your said instructions, and we do require all officers soldiers, and others who may facilitate your negociation, or promote the success thereof, to aid and assist you therein; and you are from time to time to transmit and report your proceedings to Congress. This commission to continue in force till revoked by this or a future Congress.

Dated at Philadelphia, this      day of  
By order of Congress.

*Resolved*, That Mr. Franklin, Mr. Adams, and Mr. Chase be appointed to confer with Mr. Wrixon, to examine into his military abilities, and inquire whether he is willing to engage in the service of the United Colonies, and report to Congress.

Colonel St. Clair having informed Congress that Michael Hufnagel, appointed a first lieutenant, and James O'Hara, and Abel Morris, appointed ensigns in his battalion, have declined to accept their commissions, the committee on qualifications recommended Thomas Butler in the room of M. Hufnagel, George McCulloch in the room of James O'Hara, and George Rofs in the room of Abel Morris:

*Resolved*, That commissions be granted accordingly.

*Resolved*, That the committee of safety of New-Jersey be desired to remove the prisoners from Trenton to such place or places in that colony, as may be thought convenient, at a proper distance from the sea and the post roads, subject to the regulations formerly made respecting prisoners.

*Resolved*, That all officers, prisoners, who shall refuse to subscribe the parole ordered by Congress, be committed to prison.

The committee appointed to promote the making of muskets, to whom colonel Dayton's letter respecting the quality of the arms taken by colonel Heard on Long Island was referred, brought in their report, which was read; whereupon the Congress came to the following resolution:

Whereas in the execution of the resolve of Congress of the 14th, respecting the disarming of disaffected persons, many fire arms may be taken, which may not be fit to arm any of the troops mentioned therein. Therefore,

*Resolved*, That all the fire arms so taken being appraised according to said resolve, none of them shall be paid for, but those that are fit for the use of such troops, or that may conveniently be so made, and the remainder shall be safely kept by the said assemblies, conventions, councils or committees of safety, for the owners, to be delivered to them when the Congress shall direct.

The committee appointed to consider the best ways and means of supplying the army in Canada with provisions and necessaries brought in their report, which was read.



*Resolved*, That the same be referred for consideration till to-morrow.

A petition of John Secord was presented to Congress and read, and the consideration thereof, at the request of a colony, was deferred till to-morrow.

The committee of claims reported that there is due,

To Abraham Hunt, for provisions, fire-wood, &c. to the prisoners at Trenton, and for horse-hire for the public service, the sum of 607.6 dollars :

To Ephraim Blaine, Esq; for necessaries furnished the rifle companies, the sum of 129.7 dollars ; of which sum 44.3 dollars are to be charged to captain Hendricks, and 65 dollars to captain Chambers :

To fundries, on certificates for necessaries furnished to one of the rifle companies, the sum of 122.5 dollars, of which sum 101.4 dollars, being for rifles, &c. furnished to captain Clugge's company, to be charged to said company ; the amount of the certificates to be paid to Bernard Dougherty, Esq;

To William Baufman, for provisions, &c. furnished the prisoners in Lancaster, the sum of 1528.8 dollars :

To the committee of Frederick, the sum of 52.7 dollars, to be paid to Thomas Johnson, Esq;

To Francis Lee, for 483 meals dieting of general Lee's guard, the sum of 48.3 dollars :

To Conrad Ulster, for 185 meals dieting the said men, 19 dollars :

To Mary Bryant, for 288 meals dieting the said men, 28 dollars.

To Ann Todd, for 158 meals dieting the said men, the sum of 15.8 dollars.

*Ordered*, That the above accounts be paid.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, March 21, 1776.

A letter of the 7th from general Schuyler, with a return of the forces before Quebec, was laid before Congress and read.

*Resolved*, That it be referred to Mr. Wythe, Mr. Harrison, and Mr. S. Adams.

*Resolved*, That general Washington be directed to send an account of the troops in his camp, who are deficient in arms to the several assemblies or conventions of the colonies, to which those men belong ; and request them to send a sufficient number of arms for the men coming from the respective colonies, and that, if arms cannot be procured, such as have not arms be dismissed the service.

*Resolved*, That the committee of safety of Pennsylvania be requested to employ some trusty persons in each county to purchase as many good muskets as will be sufficient to arm the battalions raised



raised in said colony; and that they exert their utmost diligence in procuring the said arms speedily, and on the most reasonable terms; that an order for 12,000 dollars be drawn on the treasurers in favour of said committee to pay for the arms, the said committee to be accountable.

*Resolved*, That the sum of 600 dollars be sent to colonel Charles Stuart, and that he be desired to muster captain Woolverton's company; and when he finds them properly armed, accoutred, and ready to march, to furnish them with necessaries, and expedite their march to New-York, agreeable to the orders of Congress; Mr. Stuart to be accountable for the money put into his hands.

*Resolved*, That Monf. le chevalier de St. Aulaire be permitted to raise an independant company of rangers in Canada, with the pay of a captain; or, in case he shall not be able to raise such a company, that he be recommended to the commanding officer in Canada, to be employed in such service there, as may be thought suitable to his genius and ability.

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the several assemblies, conventions, and councils or committees of safety, and committees of correspondence and inspection, that they exert their utmost endeavours to promote the culture of hemp, flax, and cotton, and the growth of wool in these United Colonies.

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the said assemblies, conventions, and councils or committees of safety, that they take the earliest measures for erecting and establishing in each and every colony, a society for the improvement of agriculture, arts, manufactures, and commerce, and to maintain a correspondence between such societies, that the rich and numerous natural advantages of this country for supporting its inhabitants may not be neglected:

That it be recommended, to the said assemblies, conventions, and councils or committees of safety, that they forthwith consider of ways and means of introducing the manufactures of duck and sailcloth, and steel into such colonies, where they are not now understood, and of encouraging, increasing, and improving them, where they are.

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to superintend the printing the Journals of Congress; and that, if the present printer cannot execute the work with sufficient expedition, they be empowered to employ another printer.

The members chosen, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Harrison, and Mr. Allen.

The matters to this day referred being postponed;  
Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, March 22, 1776.

A letter of the 13th from general Washington, inclosing the proceedings

proceedings of a council of war, also a letter from lord Stirling of the 19th, were laid before Congress and read.

A petition from Thorowgood Smith, and others, was presented to Congress and read, setting forth that they have procured a vessel, and raised money to fit her out as a privateer, in order to cruise and guard the coast of Virginia, and praying that a commission be granted to William Shippen, to whom they propose to give the command of said vessel; and farther that the Congress will grant them a small quantity of powder, upon their making satisfaction for the same.

*Resolved*, That a commission be granted to William Shippen, as captain of the above mentioned vessel, for the purposes aforesaid.

*Resolved*, That the secret committee be directed to sell captain William Shippen, 300 lb. of powder, for the use of his vessel.

The committee appointed to prepare a declaration pursuant to certain resolutions, brought in a draught, which was read.

*Resolved*, That the petition of John Secord be referred to a committee of three.

The members chosen, Mr. Penn, Mr. E. Rutledge, and Mr. Jay.

The committee of claims reported that there is due,

On account of expences in conveying powder, the sum of 8.3 dollars, and that the same ought to be paid to John Morton, Esq;

To Matthias Slough, for provisions furnished the prisoners in Lancaster, the sum of 226.8 dollars:

To Ephraim Blaine, for fundry articles omitted in the account of expences at the treaty with the Indians at Pittsburg, the sum of 90.5 dollars.

To fundries, on certificates for necessaries furnished to captain Stevenson's company in Virginia, the sum of 58.3 dollars, and that the same ought to be paid to Timothy Matlack, of which 14.7 dollars, being for a rifle, to be charged to captain Stevenson.

*Ordered*, That the said accounts be paid.

*Resolved*, That the sum of 750 dollars be advanced to the baron de Woedtke, he to be accountable out of his pay.

*Resolved*, That the rank of all such officers in the continental army, as held similar commissions in that service, before the term of their late appointment expired, be settled by the dates of their former, and not their present commissions.

The assembly of the counties on Delaware, having recommended a gentleman to be major of the battalion ordered to be raised in that colony, in the room of John M'Pherfon, jun. Esq; who fell before Quebec, and never received his commission, the Congress proceeded to the election, and the ballots being taken and examined,

Thomas M'Donnough was elected.

*Resolved*, That an order for 12,000 dollars be drawn on the treasurers in favour of the committee of safety of Delaware government

vernment, for the use of the battalion raised in that colony, the said committee to be accountable.

The Congress took into consideration the declaration brought in by the committee, and after debate, the further consideration thereof, at the request of a colony, was postponed till to-morrow.

*Ordered*, That the secretary publish the substance of the letters received from the camp at Cambridge.

*Resolved*, That the marine committee be impowered to dispose of the coal on board the Blue Mountain Valley, in such manner as they shall judge most for the benefit of the United Colonies.

The matters to this day referred being postponed ;

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

SATURDAY, March 23, 1776.

A letter from James Young was laid before Congress and read, requesting that his son John, who eloped from him last January, and got on board the Phenix ship of war, but is now fortunately a prisoner in New-York, may be permitted on his parole to reside at the estate of his late grandfather, Dr. Græme :

*Resolved*, That Mr. Young's request be granted.

A letter from lord Stirling of the 18th, inclosing a letter from William de Hart, and a letter from the captains and subalterns of the first New-Jersey battalion : Also,

A memorial from Thomas Scott of Hunterdon, desiring that he may be appointed a captain of a company of rangers : And,

A letter from S. Badlam were laid before Congress and read.

*Resolved*, That the said letters be referred to the committee on qualifications.

*Resolved*, That an order for 30,000 dollars be drawn on the treasurers in favour of Thomas Lowry, commissary for the use of the New-Jersey battalions, he to be accountable.

The committee on qualifications having recommended Peter Scull to be a brigade-major in the army of the United Colonies in the middle department ;

Joseph Davenport to be a captain in the third Pennsylvania battalion in the room of Mr. Scull ;

Evan Edwards to be a captain in said battalion in the room of Mr. Allice, who has resigned ;

William Tilton to be a first lieutenant in said battalion in the room of Evan Edwards ;

Garret Steddiford to be an ensign in the said battalion ;

And having also recommended the following persons for colonel Irvine's battalion, viz.

Robert Wilson to be a first lieutenant in the room of William M'Clelland, resigned ;

John Alexander, to be a first lieutenant in the room of Robert White, resigned ;



Andrew Irvine, a second lieutenant in the room of John Alexander;

Neeper, an ensign in the room of John Murray, who has resigned;

*Resolved*, That commissions be granted to them accordingly.

*Resolved*, That the sum of 3200 dollars in specie be advanced to Mr. Cole, to be by him delivered to the commanding officer in Canada, for the service of the continent, and that he be desired to proceed thither immediately.

The committee of claims reported that there is due,

To Dr. Jonathan Potts, for attendance on the second and fourth Pennsylvania battalions, the sum of 67.6 dollars:

To Col. Nathaniel Heard, for expences in the expedition against the tories on Long-Island, the sum of 2161.6 dollars.

*Ordered*, That the said accounts be paid.

The Congress resumed the consideration of the declaration, which was agreed to, as follows:

Whereas the petitions of the United Colonies to the king, for the redress of great and manifold grievances, have not only been rejected, but treated with scorn and contempt, and the opposition to designs evidently formed to reduce them to a state of servile subjection, and their necessary defence against hostile forces actually employed to subdue them, declared rebellion; and whereas an unjust war hath been commenced against them, which the commanders of the British fleets and armies have prosecuted, and still continue to prosecute, with their utmost vigour, and in a cruel manner, wasting, spoiling, and destroying the country, burning houses and defenceless towns, and exposing the helpless inhabitants to every misery from the inclemency of the winter, and not only urging savages to invade the country, but instigating negroes to murder their masters; and whereas the parliament of Great-Britain hath lately passed an act, affirming these colonies to be in open rebellion, forbidding all trade and commerce with the inhabitants thereof, until they shall accept pardons, and submit to despotic rule, declaring their property, wherever found upon the water, liable to seizure and confiscation, and enacting, that what had been done there, by virtue of the royal authority, were just and lawful acts, and shall be so deemed; from all which it is manifest, that the iniquitous scheme, concerted to deprive them of the liberty they have a right to by the laws of nature and the English constitution, will be pertinaciously pursued: It being therefore necessary to provide for their defence and security, and justifiable to make reprisals upon their enemies, and otherwise to annoy them according to the laws and usages of nations, the Congress, trusting that such of their friends in Great-Britain (of whom it is confessed there are many intitled to applause and gratitude for their patriotism and benevolence, and in whose favour a discrimination of property cannot



not be made) as shall suffer by captures, will impute it to the authors of our common calamities, do Declare and Resolve, as followeth, to wit.

*Resolved*, That the inhabitants of these colonies be permitted to fit out armed vessels to cruize on the enemies of these United Colonies.

*Resolved*, That all ships and other vessels, their tackle, apparel, and furniture, and all goods, wares, and merchandizes, belonging to any inhabitant or inhabitants of Great-Britain, taken on the high seas, or between high and low water mark, by any armed vessel, fitted out by any private person or persons, and to whom commissions shall be granted, and being libelled and prosecuted in any court erected for the trial of maritime affairs in any of these colonies, shall be deemed and adjudged to be lawful prize; and after deducting and paying the wages which the seamen and mariners on board of such captures as are merchant ships and vessels shall be entitled to, according to the terms of their contracts, until the time of the adjudication, shall be condemned to and for the use of the owner or owners, and the officers, marines, and mariners of such armed vessel, according to such rules and proportions as they shall agree on; provided always, that this resolution shall not extend to any vessel bringing settlers, arms, ammunition or warlike stores to and for the use of these colonies, or any of the inhabitants thereof, who are friends to the American cause, or to such warlike stores, or to the effects of such settlers.

*Resolved*, That all ships or vessels, with their tackle, apparel, and furniture, goods, wares, and merchandizes, belonging to any inhabitant of Great-Britain as aforesaid, which shall be taken by any of the vessels of war of these United Colonies, shall be deemed forfeited; one third, after deducting and paying the wages of seamen and mariners as aforesaid, to the officers and men on board, and two thirds to the use of the United Colonies.

*Resolved*, That all ships or vessels, with their tackle, apparel, and furniture, goods, wares, and merchandizes, belonging to any inhabitants of Great-Britain as aforesaid, which shall be taken by any vessel of war fitted out by and at the expence of any of the United Colonies, shall be deemed forfeited, and divided, after deducting and paying the wages of seamen and mariners as aforesaid, in such manner and proportions as the assembly or convention of such colony shall direct.

*Resolved*, That all vessels, with their tackle, apparel, and furniture, and cargoes, belonging to the inhabitants of Great-Britain, as aforesaid, and all vessels which may be employed in carrying supplies to the ministerial armies, which shall happen to be taken near the shores of any of these colonies, by the people of the country, or detachments from the army, shall be deemed lawful prize; and the court of admiralty within the said colony is required

required on condemnation thereof, to adjudge that all charges and expences which may attend the capture and trial, be first paid out of the monies arising from the sales of the prize, and the remainder equally among all those, who shall have been actually engaged and employed in taking the said prize. Provided, that where any detachments of the army shall have been employed as aforesaid, their part of the prize-money, shall be distributed among them in proportion to the pay of the officers and soldiers so employed.

*Resolved*, That a committee of five be appointed to consider of the fortifying one or more ports on the American coast, in the strongest manner, for the protection of our cruisers, and the reception of their prizes; that they take the opinion of the best engineers on the manner and expence, and report thereon to Congress.

The members chosen, Mr. Harrison, Mr. J. Adams, Mr. Hewes, Mr. R. Morris, and Mr. Whipple.

*Resolved*, That the commissioners appointed to go to Canada, or any two of them, be impowered, if they think it necessary for the service of the United Colonies, to raise a number of independent companies, not exceeding six, and to appoint the officers; that they also be empowered to fill up all vacancies, that may happen in the army of the United Colonies in Canada, while they are there.

*Resolved*, That 1066 $\frac{2}{3}$  dollars in continental money, over and above the 1600 dollars to be paid them in specie, be advanced to the commissioners going to Canada, to defray their expences, they to render an account.

*Resolved*, That 400 dollars in specie be paid to Mr. Walker, in full for so much by him lent to general Wooster, for the use of the army in Canada, and that general Wooster's note be taken up and cancelled.

*Resolved*, That this Congress will on Monday next resolve itself into a committee of the whole to take into consideration the trade of the United Colonies; and that sundry motions offered by the members from Massachusetts-Bay, Maryland, and Virginia, be referred to said committee.

Adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday.

MONDAY, March 25. 1776.

Sundry letters were laid before Congress and read.

One from general Washington of the 19th, wherein he informs Congress, that on the 17th the enemy evacuated Boston, and our troops took possession of it.

One from general Schuyler, of the 12th.

One from lord Stirling of the 21st. And,

One from the committee of safety of New-Jersey.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Congress, in their own name, and in the name of the thirteen United Colonies, whom they represent, be presented to his excellency general Washington, and the

the officers and soldiers under his command, for their wise and spirited conduct in the siege and acquisition of Boston; and that a medal of gold be struck in commemoration of this great event, and presented to his excellency; and that a committee of three be appointed to prepare a letter of thanks, and a proper device for the medal.

The members chosen, Mr. J. Adams, Mr. Jay, and Mr. Hopkins.

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to confer with Mr. Dugan, and colonel Ritzema.

The members chosen, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Allen.

*Resolved*, That 20,000 dollars be advanced to the delegates of Virginia for the use of the battalions in that colony; the said delegates to account for the expenditure thereof.

The committee appointed to take into consideration the state of the colonies in the southern department brought in their report, which was read as follows:

“ That it appears highly probable that a very considerable force will be exerted in that department by our enemies early this spring; that the continental forces employed in South-Carolina and Virginia respectively, cannot prudently be solely relied on, for the defence of those colonies; that South-Carolina and Virginia are at a very great separate expence in armed vessels, rendered absolutely necessary by the situation and circumstances of those countries; that the militia of South-Carolina are obliged to perform a very laborious duty, which, from the smallness of their number, and the consequent quick rotation, is excessively burdensome; and that the colony of Virginia, in addition to the six continental battalions already there, have resolved to raise, and are now embodying, three other battalions.” Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the convention or council of safety of South-Carolina be permitted to raise and embody two other battalions, and that they be on the pay and at the expence of the continent, as soon as they shall be armed fit for service, and accordingly mustered:

That the three colonial battalions of Virginia, be also on the pay and at the expence of the continent, as soon as they shall be armed fit for service, and accordingly mustered:

That the contracts made by the council of safety of Virginia for the subsistence of the third battalion in that colony, at sixpence half-penny a ration, of the fifth at eight-pence, and of the second, fourth, seventh, eighth, and ninth, at seven pence half-penny a ration be confirmed.

*Resolved*, That a deputy muster-master general be appointed for the southern department.



The ballots being taken and examined.

Edmund Randolph, Esq; was elected.

*Resolved*, That E. Randolph, Esq; be empowered to appoint two deputy muster-masters under him, one for North-Carolina and the other for South-Carolina and Georgia.

*Resolved*, That the order of the day be postponed.

The Congress then took into consideration the report of the committee on the ways and means of supplying the troops in Canada with provisions and necessaries; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That general Schuyler be directed to take such order respecting the supplies of provisions necessary for the troops in Canada, as he may deem expedient.

The Congress being of opinion that the reduction of Quebec, and the general security of the province of Canada, are objects of great concern;

*Resolved*, That general Washington be directed to detach four battalions into Canada, from the army under his command, as soon as he shall be of opinion that the safety of New-York and the eastern service will permit.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

#### TUESDAY, March 26, 1776.

The Congress being informed that Mr. Ward, one of the delegates of Rhode-Island, died yesterday.

*Resolved*, That this Congress will in a body attend the funeral of Mr. Ward to-morrow, with a crape round the arm, and will continue in mourning for the space of one month.

*Resolved*, That Mr. Hopkins, Mr. S. Adams, and Mr. Wolcott be a committee to superintend the funeral, and that they be directed to apply to the rev. Mr. Stillman, and request him to preach a funeral sermon on the occasion:

That the said committee be directed to invite the assembly and committee of safety of Pennsylvania, and other public bodies in Philadelphia, to attend the funeral.

*Resolved*, That the privates of the companies ordered from Maryland to Accomac and Northampton, be allowed the pay of the privates in the southern department, which is 6½ dollars, per calendar month.

*Resolved*, That if the convention or council of safety of North-Carolina shall judge it necessary for the common safety to raise one or two more battalions, the same when armed fit for service and mustered, be taken into the pay of the continent.

*Resolved*, That commodore Douglass be ordered immediately to repair to the lakes, and take the command of the vessels on that station.

Adjourned to ten o'clock on Thursday.

THURSDAY,



THURSDAY, March 28, 1776.

*Resolved*, That an order for 20,000 dollars be drawn on the treasurers in favour of William Barrel of Philadelphia, in full for tent cloth sent by him to col. Mifflin for the use of the army under the command of general Washington; the money being paid in consequence of the general's letter of the 13th, to be charged to the account of the general.

*Resolved*, That the marine committee be empowered to purchase, on the most reasonable terms they can, the ship Molly, for the use of the continent, and to fit her out with all possible expedition to join captain Barry on his cruise along the coast, between New-York and Virginia.

A memorial of Thomas Walker of Canada was presented to Congress and read.

Two letters of the 27th from the committee of safety of New-Jersey, were read.

*Resolved*, That the president return an answer, and inform the committee of safety of New-Jersey that the Congress see no reason to alter or countermand the requisition of the 15th, and that therefore they be requested to expedite the march of the troops to New-York, agreeable to the requisition of the commanding officer.

The Congress proceeded to the election of a colonel of the third battalion ordered to be raised in the colony of New-York, and the ballots being taken,

Rudolphus Ritzema was elected.

The committee appointed to confer with colonel Ritzema and Mr. Dugan brought in their report, which was read.

*Resolved*, That an order for 1000 dollars be drawn on the treasurers in favour of Mr. Jeremiah Dugan, as a reward for his services in Canada.

*Resolved*, That Mr. Jeremiah Dugan be appointed a major, with the rank of lieutenant-colonel, to command a body of three hundred rangers.

That the said rangers be divided into three companies, each to consist of one hundred men, and to be commanded by a captain and two lieutenants: That the captains and lieutenants be recommended by lieutenant-colonel Dugan to the commissioners going to Canada for their approbation; and that, if they approve the gentlemen recommended, they grant them commissions.

*Resolved*, That Mr. William Finney be appointed a deputy quarter-master in the southern department.

*Resolved*, That two engineers be employed for the southern department.

*Resolved*, That an order for 20,000 dollars be drawn on the treasurers in favour of Mr. James Mease, for the use of the Pennsylvania battalions, he to be accountable.

Information being given to Congress that some prisoners in the goal of Philadelphia have meditated an escape, and are near carrying their plan into execution.

*Resolved*, That the goaler be directed to confine John Connolly, J. Smith, and Moses Kirkland, in separate apartments, and suffer no person to converse with any of them, without special orders of Congress.

*Resolved*, That the sheriff of the city and county of Philadelphia be directed by Mr. M<sup>c</sup>Kean to call to his assistance a guard of fifty men from the barracks for the defence of the goal; and that the sheriff be farther directed to keep secret any intimation given him of a design to rescue his prisoners, and to employ every means to discover and apprehend those concerned in such design.

*Resolved*, That an order for 1000 dollars be drawn on the treasurers in favour of Mr. Samuel Fairlamb, for the use of the fourth Pennsylvania battalion, he to be accountable.

The matters to this day referred being postponed;  
Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, March 29, 1776.

Sundry letters were laid before Congress and read.

Two from general Schuyler of the 19th and 21st, with a copy of the treaty held with the Indians at Albany, &c.

One from the convention of New-York, of the 26th.

One from Allan M<sup>c</sup>Donald.

*Resolved*, That the letter from Allan M<sup>c</sup>Donald be referred to the committee on prisoners.

That the other letters with the papers enclosed be referred to Mr. Wythe, Mr. Harrison, and Mr. S. Adams.

*Resolved*, That the secret committee be directed to deliver to Mr. William Henry, and Co. 15 lb. of powder, to prove the muskets he has contracted to make for the continent.

The Congress resumed the consideration of the report of the committee on the means of supplying the troops in Canada. Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That a deputy commissary general of stores and provisions be appointed for the army of the United Colonies in Canada.

The ballots being taken and examined,

Mr. J. Price was elected.

*Resolved*, That the last paragraph of the report be recommitted for further enquiry and examination.

A letter from the committee of safety of New-Jersey, and one from captain John Macpherson were received and read.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

SATURDAY,

SATURDAY, March 30, 1776.

*Resolved*, That 60 dollars be advanced to captain Arundel, to be deducted out of his pay, and that he be directed immediately to repair to the southern department, and put himself under the command of general Lee.

*Resolved*, That Monf. Dechambault and his companion be permitted to come to Philadelphia and transact his business, and then return to Bristol.

The Congress proceeded to the election of two engineers for the southern department, and the ballots being taken,

John Stadler and Monf. Massenbach, were elected.

The Congress took into consideration the letter from the committee of safety of New-Jersey : Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the minute-men employed by Congress under the command of colonel Heard, in the expedition to Long Island, be allowed, while on that service, the same pay and rations as the continental troops in the middle department.

*Resolved*, That the delegates of New-York prepare an answer to the committee of safety of New-Jersey, and assign the reasons of the foregoing resolution

The committee of claims reported that there is due,

To William Tricket, for stationary, the sum of 41.7 dollars :

To Philip Apricht, for provisions to general Lee's guard, the sum of 4.7 dollars, and that the same ought to be paid to Adam Kimmel :

To fundries, on certificates for necessaries furnished to the rifle companies, the sum of 42.2 dollars, and that 2.5 dollars, part of said sum be charged to captain Cressap's company :

To fundries, on certificates for rifles, shirts, &c. furnished to captain Cluggage's company, the sum of 81.1 dollars, which ought to be paid to John Montgomery, Esq; and charged to said company :

To Robert Erwin, waggon-master, on an account now settled, the sum of 409.3 dollars :

To Sacheverel Wood, for provisions furnished by him to several prisoners in the goal of Philadelphia, the sum of 137.6 dollars :

To Thomas Dewees, for provisions for Connolly, Cameron, Smith, and Kirkland, the sum of 57.8 dollars.

*Ordered*, That the said accounts be paid.

The committee appointed to confer with major Wrixon, brought in their report, which was read.

*Resolved*, That each regimental surgeon be allowed a mate :

That the pay of a surgeon's mate be 18 dollars a month.

*Resolved*, That suitable chirurgical instruments be purchased with each medicine chest.

*Resolved*, That each brigadier general, when on command, be empowered to appoint a brigade major.

Adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday.

MONDAY, *April 1, 1776.*

*Resolved*, That captain D. Arundel be allowed 48.5 dollars in full for pay and subsistence, from the 8th of February, the time he was recommended to general Schuyler, to the 19th of March, when he received his commission.

*Resolved*, That Mr. J. Mease be directed to advance captain Romans one month's pay for himself and the officers and men of his company, and also subsistence money to Albany.

The committee to whom the petition of captain White Eyes was referred, brought in their report which was read.

*Resolved*, That the same be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Congress having, on the 17th of February last, appointed a standing committee for superintending the treasury, with power, among other things, to employ and instruct proper persons for liquidating the public accounts; and the said resolutions not being sufficiently explicit, with respect to the manner and place of settling those accounts, and it being a matter of great consequence, that the public accounts should be regularly stated and kept, and justly liquidated and settled.

*Resolved*, Therefore that a treasury office of accounts be instituted and established, and that such office be kept in the city or place, where Congress shall from time to time be assembled and hold their sessions :

That the said office of accounts be under the direction and superintendence of the standing committee for the treasury :

That an auditor-general, and a competent number of assistants and clerks, be appointed by Congress, and employed for stating, arranging, and keeping the public accounts :

That all accounts and claims against the United Colonies, for services or supplies, where the rates or prices have not been ascertained by Congress, shall be presented to the committee of claims, liquidated by them, and reported to and allowed by Congress, previous to their being passed at the treasury office; that all other accounts and claims, consisting of articles, the price or value of which shall have previously been fixed by contract, or otherwise ascertained by Congress, shall be liquidated and settled at the treasury office, and reported for the allowance of Congress, by the committee for superintending the treasury, and then passed and entered at the treasury office.

That all contracts, securities, and obligations, for the use and benefit of the United Colonies, shall be lodged and kept in the treasury office of accounts; and that all persons to whom public monies have been or shall be advanced or paid, shall be charged with the same in the books of the said office, for which every warrant on the treasury, which shall issue after the said office shall be opened, shall



shall, previous to its being paid, be entered at the treasury office, and the entry certified on the warrant by one of the committee on the treasury, the auditor general, or one of his assistants or clerks; provided however, that all orders or warrants issued by committees appointed and authorized by Congress to draw on the treasurers for particular purposes, shall be paid and charged to the account of the said committee respectively, until they shall settle and have their accounts passed by Congress, when the debits against them shall be discharged in the treasury office by such credits as Congress shall agree to and allow :

That all assemblies, conventions, councils, or committees of safety, commissaries, pay-masters, and others, intrusted with public monies, shall within a reasonable time after being called upon for that purpose, by the committee of the treasury, produce their accounts and vouchers at the treasury office, in order to their being settled and adjusted in the manner before directed :

That the committee for superintending the treasury shall be authorized to apply to the commanding officers and others, in the continental service, for such materials and information, as the committee may judge to be useful for stating, explaining, or checking the public accounts, in order to their being fairly and justly settled :

That the auditor general and his assistants or clerks, before entering upon their offices, shall respectively take an oath, to be administered by one or more of the committee of the treasury office (a certificate whereof shall be filed in the treasury office) well and faithfully to execute the trust reposed in them, as auditor, assistant, or clerk, ( as the case may be, ) of the office of accounts, established by Congress, according to the best of their skill and judgment and to disclose no matter, the knowledge of which shall be acquired in consequence of such their office, which they shall be directed to keep secret :

That the committee for superintending the treasury shall be authorized to hire suitable places, and procure books of accounts and other necessaries at the public expence, for the establishing and doing the business of the said office.

*Resolved*, That major James Hewes, a prisoner at Elizabeth-Town, be allowed and ordered to come to Philadelphia for the benefit of his health, and there to wait on the committee for prisoners, and take their directions with respect to the place of his future residence.

*Resolved* That Mr. McKean and Mr. Paine, be directed to examine the goal of Philadelphia, and particularly the apartments where Kirkland, Connolly, Smith, and Cameron are confined, and report what is necessary to be done to have them safely and securely kept.

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to confer with James

James M<sup>c</sup>Knight, and examine his account and the nature of his claim, and report thereon to Congress.

The members chosen, Mr. R. Morris, Mr. M<sup>c</sup>Kean, and Mr. de Hart.

The committee on qualifications having recommended Jacob Kemper, jun. to be appointed an ensign in captain Howell's company in the first New Jersey Battalion, in the room of Cyprus de Hart who has resigned;

*Resolved*, That he be appointed, and that a commission be granted to him accordingly.

*Resolved*, That the president in his next letter to gen. Schuyler, desire him to send an account of the lead at Ticonderoga.

A letter from Alexander M<sup>c</sup>Donnald, George Gillespie, and J. W. Saunders, of the 12th of March, was presented to Congress and read.

*Resolved*, That it be referred to Mr. R. Morris, Mr. M<sup>c</sup>Kean, and Mr. de Hart.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, April 2, 1776.

A letter from gen. Washington of the 24th of March, with five papers inclosed, was laid before Congress and read.

The committee appointed to prepare the form of a commission, and instructions to commanders of private ships of war, brought in the same, which were read.

The commission being agreed to, is as follows:

The delegates of the United Colonies of New-Hampshire. &c. to all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting: Know ye that we have granted, and by these presents do grant, license and authority to mariner, commander of the        called        of the burden of        tons, or thereabouts, belonging to        of        in the colony of        mounting carriage guns, and navigated by men, to fit out and set forth the said        in a warlike manner, and by and with the said        and the crew thereof, by force of arms to attack, seize, and take the ships and other vessels, belonging to the inhabitants of Great Britain, or any of them, with their tackle, apparel, furniture, and lading, on the high seas, or between high and low water marks, and to bring the same to some convenient ports in the said colonies, in order that the courts which are or shall be there appointed to hear and determine causes civil and maritime, may proceed in due form to condemn the said captures, if they be adjudged lawful prize; the said        having given bond with sufficient sureties that nothing be done by the said        or any of the officers, mariners, or company thereof, contrary to or inconsistent with the usages and customs of nations, and the instructions, a copy of which is herewith delivered to him. And we will and require all our officers whatsoever, to give succour and assistance to the said        in

in the premises. This commission shall continue in force until the Congress shall issue orders to the contrary.

By order of Congress.

*Attest.*

*President.*

The Congress then took into consideration the draught of instructions, and after some time spent thereon,

*Resolved*, That it be recommitted, and that it be an instruction to the committee to fill up the blanks in said draught, as they shall think best.

The committee appointed to prepare a letter of thanks to general Washington, and the officers and soldiers under his command, brought in a draught, which was read and agreed to:

*Ordered*, That it be transcribed, signed by the president, and forwarded.

The committee on prisoners, to whom the letter from M. Belletre, of the 16th of March last, was referred, brought in their report, which was read. Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the sum of 3400 dollars be advanced by the treasurers to M. Belletre, on his delivering to them his bills of exchange for the like sum payable in gold or silver in the province of Canada.

A petition from William Lindsey being presented to Congress and read;

*Resolved*, That colonel Wayne be directed to discharge Robert, the son of said William Lindsey, enlisted in his battalion.

The matters to this day referred being postponed.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, April 3, 1776.

*Resolved*, That the letter from general Washington of the 24th of March, with the papers enclosed, be referred to a committee of three.

The members chosen, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Jay, and Mr. Wilson, A memorial and petition from captain John Nelson, was presented to Congress and read. Also,

A petition from P. Moore, in behalf of the owners of the sloops Congress and Chance, privateers, was presented and read.

*Resolved*, That the secret committee be directed to sell said owners, 400 lb. of powder, for the use of their privateers.

The committee of claims, to whom the account of Messrs. Price and Haywood were referred, brought in their report. Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That there be advanced to Messrs. Price and Haywood, the sum of 64,358.6 dollars, on account of supplies to the army in Canada, to be accounted for on the settlement of their accounts; and that general Wooster be directed to forward the accounts and vouchers lodged in his hands.

The said committee farther reported that there is due,

To



To the township of Montague in the county of Suffex in New-Jersey, for slay-hire, in forwarding the prisoners from Canada, under the command of captain Bralher, the sum of 45 dollars, and that the same ought to be paid to Nicholas Christopher.

*Ordered*, That the same be paid.

A letter from H. Fisher of Lewes-Town to the committee of safety of Pennsylvania, together with a resolve of said committee being laid before Congress and read ;

*Resolved*, That the commanding officer of the battalion raised in Delaware government be directed to send two companies of said battalion to Lewes Town, there to remain in the service of the continent till farther orders.

*Resolved*, That the marine committee be directed and empowered to fit out with all expedition, two armed cutters for the service of the continent.

*Resolved*, That blank commissions for private ships of war and letters of marque and reprisal, signed by the president, be sent to the general assemblies, conventions, and councils or committees of safety of the United Colonies, to be by them filled up and delivered to the persons intending to fit out such private ships of war, for making captures of British vessels and cargoes, who shall apply for the same, and execute the bonds which shall be sent with the said commissions, which bonds shall be returned to the Congress.

*Resolved*, That every person intending to set forth and fit out a private ship or vessel of war, and applying for a commission or letters of marque and reprisal for that purpose, shall produce a writing subscribed by him, containing the name and tonnage or burden of the ship or vessel, the number of her guns with their weight of metal, the name and place of residence of the owner or owners, the names of the commander and other officers, the number of the crew, and the quantity of provisions and warlike stores; which writing shall be delivered to the secretary of Congress, or to the clerk of the house of representatives, convention, or council or committee of safety of the colony in which the ship or vessel shall be, to be transmitted to the said secretary, and shall be registered by him; and that the commander of the ship or vessel, before the commission or letters of marque and reprisal may be granted, shall, together with sureties, seal and deliver a bond in the penalty of five thousand dollars, if the vessel be of one hundred tons or under, or ten thousand dollars, if of a greater burden, payable to the president of the Congress, in trust for the use of the United Colonies, with condition in the form following, to wit, " The condition of this obligation is such, that if the above bounden who is commander of the called belonging to of in the colony of mounting carriage guns, and navigated by men, and who hath applied for a commission, and letters of marque and reprisal, to arm, equip, and set forth to sea the said as a private



vate ship of war, and to make captures of British vessels and cargoes, shall not exceed or transgress the powers and authorities which shall be contained in the said commission, but shall in all things observe and conduct himself and govern his crew by and according to the same, and certain instructions therewith to be delivered, and such other instructions as may hereafter be given to him, and shall make reparation for all damages sustained by any misconduct or unwarrantable proceedings of himself, or the officers or crew of the said        then this obligation shall be void, or else remain in force." which bond shall be lodged with the said secretary of Congress.

The committee to whom the instructions to the commanders of private ships or vessels of war, were recommitted, brought in a report, which being taken into consideration, and debated by paragraphs, was agreed to, as follows :

*Instructions to the commanders of private ships or vessels of war, which shall have commissions or letters of marque and reprisal, authorising them to make captures of British vessels and cargoes.*

1. You may by force of arms attack, subdue, and take all ships and other vessels belonging to the inhabitants of Great-Britain, on the high seas, or between high water and low water marks, except ships and vessels bringing persons who intend to settle and reside in the United Colonies; or bringing arms, ammunition, or warlike stores, to the said colonies, for the use of such inhabitants thereof as are friends to the American cause, which you shall suffer to pass unmolested, the commanders thereof permitting a peaceable search, and giving satisfactory information of the contents of the lading, and destinations of the voyages.

2. You may by force of arms, attack, subdue, and take all ships and other vessels whatsoever, carrying soldiers, arms, gunpowder, ammunition, provisions, or any other contraband goods, to any of the British armies or ships of war employed against these colonies.

3. You shall bring such ships and vessels as you shall take, with their guns, rigging, tackle, apparel, furniture, and lading, to some convenient port or ports of the United Colonies, that proceedings may thereupon be had in due form before the courts, which are or shall be there appointed to hear and determine causes civil and maritime.

4. You, or one of your chief officers, shall bring or send the master and pilot, and one or more principal person or persons of the company of every ship or vessel by you taken, as soon after the capture as may be, to the judge or judges of such court as aforesaid, to be examined upon oath, and make answer to the interrogatories which may be propounded touching the interest or property of the ship or vessel, and her lading; and at the same time  
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you shall deliver or cause to be delivered to the judge or judges, all passes, sea-briefs, charter-parties, bills of lading, cockets, letters, and other documents and writings found on board, proving the said papers by the affidavit of yourself or of some other person present at the capture, to be produced as they were received, without fraud, addition, subtraction, or embezzlement.

5. You shall keep and preserve every ship or vessel and cargo by you taken, until they shall, by a sentence of a court properly authorised, be adjudged lawful prizes; not selling, spoiling, wasting, or diminishing the same, or breaking the bulk thereof, nor suffering any such thing to be done.

6. If you, or any of your officers or crew, shall, in cold blood, kill or maim, or by torture or otherwise, cruelly, inhumanly, and contrary to common usage, and the practice of civilized nations in war, treat any person or persons surprised in the ship or vessel you shall take, the offender shall be severely punished.

7. You shall, by all convenient opportunities, send to Congress written accounts of the captures you shall make, with the number and names of the captives, copies of your journal from time to time, and intelligence of what may occur or be discovered concerning the designs of the enemy, and the destination, motions, and operations of their fleets and armies.

8. One third, at least, of your whole company shall be landsmen.

9. You shall not ransom any prisoners or captives, but shall dispose of them in such manner as the Congress, or if that be not sitting in the colony whither they shall be brought, as the general assembly, convention, or council, or committee of safety of such colony shall direct.

10. You shall observe all such further instructions as Congress shall hereafter give in the premises, when you shall have notice thereof.

11. If you shall do any thing contrary to these instructions, or to others hereafter to be given, or willingly suffer such thing to be done, you shall not only forfeit your commission, and be liable to an action for the breach of the condition of your bond, but be responsible to the party grieved for damages sustained by such malversation.

*Resolved*, That an order for 20,000 dollars be drawn on the treasurers in favour of James Mease commissary, for the use of the Pennsylvania battalions, he to be accountable.

*Resolved*, That the pay of the auditor of accounts be at the rate of one thousand and sixty-six dollars, and two thirds of a dollar per annum.

*Resolved*, That this Congress will to-morrow morning resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the trade of the United Colonies.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY,

THURSDAY, April 4, 1776.

*Resolved*, That the treasurers be directed to take colonel Belestre's bills drawn on some of his friends or correspondents in Canada, and not upon general Carlton.

The committee of claims reported that there is due,

To John de Hart, for provisions furnished by Archibald Campbell, the sum of 17.9 dollars.

Ordered, That the said account be paid.

*Resolved*, That an order for 100 dollars be drawn on the treasurers in favour of Monf. Le Fontaine, for his services in Canada.

Agreeable to the order of the day, the Congress resolved itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the trade of the United Colonies, and after some time spent thereon, the president resumed the chair, and Mr. Harrison reported that the committee had taken into consideration the matters referred to them, and had come to sundry resolutions, which he was ordered to deliver in.

The resolutions agreed to by the committee of the whole Congress being read ;

Ordered to lie on the table.

The committee, to whom were referred the memorial from James M<sup>c</sup>Knight, and the letter from Alexander M<sup>c</sup>Donald, George Gillespie, and J. W. Saunders, brought in their report, which was read : Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the committee of inspection and observation of the county of Burlington, be requested to make sale of the sloop Sally, whereof the said James M<sup>c</sup>Knight was prize master, and which was lately run ashore by him, within the said county, together with her tackle, apparel, and furniture, and the cargo on board, at public auction ; and after deducting the charges of securing and selling the same, to pay one moiety of the surplus to the said James M<sup>c</sup>Knight for salvage, and retain the other moiety thereof, for the owner or owners :

That Messrs. Alexander M<sup>c</sup>Donald, George Gillespie, and J. W. Saunders, who have lately come into the colony of New-Jersey from the British West India islands, where, and in Great Britain, they have considerable property remaining, be excused from entering into the militia of the said colony, and from signing the association ; provided always, that they be, in all other respects, subject to the like taxes and regulations with the other inhabitants of the said colony.

The committee appointed to consider the best ways and means of supplying the army in Canada, brought in a farther report which was read.

Ordered to lie on the table.

*Resolved*, That the sum of 53 dollars be advanced to Monf. St. Aulaire, to be deducted out of his pay.

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Adjourned to ten o'clock on Saturday.

SATURDAY, April 6, 1776.

*Resolved*, That the secret committee be directed to supply captain Romans with twenty-four muskets for the use of his company:

That the said committee be directed to deliver to colonel St. Clair six pounds of powder and four pounds of lead, for the use of the rifle company in his battalion.

The Congress resumed the consideration of the report from the committee of the whole, and the same being twice read, and debated by paragraphs, was agreed to as follows:

*Resolved*, That any goods, wares, and merchandise, except slaves and empty casks, other than shaken or knocked down casks for molasses, may be exported from the thirteen United Colonies, by the inhabitants thereof, and by the people of all such countries, as are not subject to the king of Great Britain, to any parts of the world, which are not under the dominion of the said king; provided that no vessel be permitted to export any greater number of shaken or knocked down molasses casks, than the same vessel is capable of carrying, when they shall be filled with molasses.

*Resolved*, That any goods, wares, and merchandises, except such as are of the growth, production, or manufacture of, or brought from any country under the dominion of the king of Great Britain, and except East India tea, may be imported from any other parts of the world, to the thirteen United Colonies, by the inhabitants thereof, and by the people of all such countries as are not subject to the said king; liable, however, to all such duties and impositions as now are, or may hereafter be laid by any of the said colonies.

*Resolved*, That nothing herein contained shall be understood to prevent such future commercial regulations, as shall be thought just and necessary by these United Colonies, or their respective legislatures.

*Resolved*, That no slaves be imported into any of the thirteen United Colonies.

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the assemblies and conventions in the several colonies to appoint proper officers at convenient places in their respective colonies, to take bonds in adequate penalties, for observing the regulations made by the Congress, or assemblies, or conventions, concerning trade, and for securing the observation of such parts of the association, as are not inconsistent therewith; and that the obligor shall, within eighteen months after the departure of the vessel, produce to such officers a certificate under the hands and seals of three or more reputable merchants, residing at the port or place where the cargo shall be delivered, that the same was there unladed, and take manifests upon oath, of the cargoes exported and imported, and keep fair  
accounts



accounts and entries thereof, give bills of health when desired, grant registers shewing the property of the vessels cleared out, and sign certificates that the requisites for qualifying vessels to trade, have been complied with: And that the fees of the said officers be stated by the respective assemblies or conventions. Provided always, that no prosecution upon any of the said bonds, shall be commenced, but within three years after the date thereof.

*Resolved*, That all goods, wares, and merchandises, except such as are made prize of, which shall be imported directly or indirectly from Great-Britain or Ireland, into any of these United Colonies, contrary to the regulations established by Congress, shall be forfeited and disposed of, agreeable to such rules as shall be made by the several assemblies or conventions, and shall be liable to prosecution and condemnation in any court erected or to be erected for the determination of maritime affairs, in the colony where the seizure shall be made.

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to bring in a resolution for disposing of, and using the tea now in these colonies:

The members chosen, Mr. R. Morris, Mr. Jay, and Mr. M<sup>c</sup>Kean.

The committee of claims reported that there is due,

To Robert Erwin, waggon-master for William M<sup>c</sup>Carty's and Richard Key's teams to Virginia with powder, each thirty days and ferriages, the sum of 250 5 dollars.

*Ordered*, That the same be paid.

The committee to whom the letters from general Schuyler of the 7th and 19th, and from W. Paulding, Esq; chairman of a committee of the convention of New-York, of the 26th of March last, were referred, brought in their report, which being taken into consideration,

*Resolved*, That the committee of inspection and observation of Albany be desired to examine, state, and settle the accounts of expences incurred in the taking of Ticonderoga and Crown-Point, which shall be laid before them by general Schuyler, and report the same to Congress.

*Resolved*, That the commissioners for indian affairs in the northern department be desired to assure the Indians that Congress will do every thing in their power to procure goods for them, and hope they shall soon accomplish it.

*Resolved*, That Robert Yates be appointed secretary to the commissioners for indian affairs in the northern department, and be allowed at the rate of two hundred and fifty dollars by the year.

*Resolved*, That the remainder of the report be postponed.

A letter from general Washington of the 27th of March. And A letter from brigadier general Heath being received and read,

*Resolved*, That the letter from general Washington with the papers inclosed, be referred to a committee of the whole Congress.

*Resolved*,

*Resolved*, That the sum of 100,000 dollars be sent to New-York for the use of the army there, in the service of the United Colonies.

The committee for prisoners brought in a report which was read:  
Ordered to lie on the table.

*Resolved*, That the delegates of Virginia be directed to write to their convention or committee. or council of safety, to collect and forward to the treasurers of the United Colonies, what gold and silver they can procure, and to draw on the president for the amount thereof, at the rate of eight dollars for Half Joes, weighing nine penny weight.

The committee on qualifications, having recommended Samuel Checkley, as a proper person to fill a vacancy of an Ensign in the third Pennsylvania battalion :

*Ordered*, That a commission be granted to the said Samuel Checkley accordingly.

Adjourned to ten o'clock on Tuesday next.

TUESDAY, April 9. 1776.

*Resolved*, That the sum of 200,000 dollars, be sent to New-York, for the use of the continental forces there.

A list of prisoners brought from Canada by major Zedwitz, and a letter of the 4th from John Nelson, chairman of the committee of Brunswick, respecting prisoners brought to that place; also a letter from colonel Haslet of the Delaware battalion, being laid before Congress and read,

*Resolved*, That they be referred to the committee on prisoners.

A letter of the 5th from captain Brice, a prisoner at Brunswick, was presented to Congress and read; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That captain Brice be permitted to come to Philadelphia, in order to consult a physician, and there wait the orders of Congress.

A letter of the 6th of March from brigadier general Wooster, and a letter of the 26th of the same month from general Schuyler, were laid before Congress and read.

The Congress proceeded to the election of an auditor-general, and the ballots being taken and examined,

John Gibson, Esq. was elected.

The Congress took into consideration the report of the committee on prisoners; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That captain Thomas Gamble be not exchanged, there being no cartel settled.

*Resolved*, That captain Duncan Campbell be permitted to reside with his wife and family in the city of Burlington in New-Jersey.

*Resolved*, That the committee on prisoners be directed to write to general Schuyler, and take his opinion whether Allan M'Donald,

aid, and the other hostages taken in Tryon county, may, consistent with the public safety, be permitted to return to their respective homes on their parole.

*Resolved*, That a list of the prisoners of war in each colony be made out and transmitted to the house of assembly, convention, council or committee of safety of such colony respectively, and that they be authorized and requested to cause a strict observance of the terms on which such prisoners have been enlarged, and also to take especial care that none of those confined by order of Congress be suffered to escape; and also that the allowance to each prisoner be punctually paid by the president of the convention, or of the council or committee of safety of the colony in which he resides; and where there are no conventions, by the speakers of assembly, which said presidents or speakers are hereby authorized, from time to time, to draw for the sums advanced in pursuance of this resolution, upon the president of Congress.

*Resolved*, That brigadier general Prescott, upon subscribing the parole ordered, be enlarged from his present confinement.

The committee of claims reported that there is due,

To Lewis Nicola, for repairs done at the old goal in this city, fitted up for the reception of troops, the sum of 226 dollars:

To Joseph Page, for his service in attending the powder waggon to Virginia, the sum of 55 dollars, and that the same ought to be paid to Benjamin Harrison, Esq:

To Jacob Garrigues, for transcribing minutes, letters, &c. for Congress, the sum of 48.2 dollars:

To John Bruce, for 402 tin cartouch-boxes, the sum of 174.2 dollars:

To John Armer and Samuel Allen, for bringing baggage, &c. belonging to Messrs. Dulhunt and Gamilli, from New-York to Philadelphia, the sum of 21 dollars, and that the same ought to be paid to Samuel Allen:

To sundry persons for horse-hire, provisions, &c. the sum of 12.5 dollars, and that the same ought to be paid to John Alsop, Esq:

To Clement Biddle, for provisions, &c. for the British troops of the 7th and 26th regiments, who are prisoners, the sum of 294 dollars, and for wampum for the southern department, the sum of 59 dollars:

To Ludowic Kuhn, for boarding part of captain Roman's company of matrosses, the sum of 59.8 dollars:

To William Shepherd, for two horses sold by him to general Lee, and for sundry articles of geers, the sum of 175.7 dollars:

To Matthias Slough, for provisions for the 7th and 26th regiments of British troops from the 26th February, to the 21st March, the sum of 193.3 dollars.

*Ordered*, That the above accounts be paid.

Lord



Lord Stirling having, agreeable to the order of Congress of the 19th of March last, appointed persons to value the boat of Michael Kearney jun. and transmitted to Congress the valuation by them made, amounting to 725 dollars.

*Ordered*, That the same be paid to the said Michael Kearney.  
Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, *April 10. 1776.*

Two letters of the 1st from general Washington were laid before Congress and read: Also a letter of the 8th from John Connolly.

*Resolved*, That the letters from general Washington be referred to a committee of the whole Congress.

The committee to whom the report on indian affairs in the middle department, and the petition of captain White Eyes were referred, brought in their report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the commissioners for indian affairs in the middle department, or any one of them, be desired to employ for reasonable salaries a minister of the gospel to reside among the Delaware Indians, and instruct them in the Christian religion; a school-master to teach their youth reading, writing, and arithmetic; also a blacksmith to do the work of the Indians in the middle department.

*Resolved*, That the commissioners for indian affairs in the middle department, be desired to provide, at the expence of the United Colonies for the entertainment of the sachems and warriors of the indians, and their attendants and messengers, with the accustomed hospitality, when they come to Pittsburgh to treat, or give intelligence of public affairs, or upon a visit.

*Resolved*, That the commissioners for indian affairs be desired to acquaint the indians in their respective departments, that Congress have formed a plan for importing goods to supply their necessities:

That the commissioners for indian affairs be desired to enquire and report the cause of the discontent of the indians in the middle department, what measures may be pursued to restore quiet and harmony, and to use their utmost endeavours in the mean time to prevent hostilities.

*Resolved*, That although the prosperity of Dartmouth college in the colony of New-Hampshire, is a desirable object, it is neither seasonable nor prudent to contribute towards its relief or support out of the public treasury.

*Resolved*, That so soon as conveniently may be, a treaty be held between the commissioners for indian affairs in the middle department, and the nations of indians to the westward; and that the said commissioners be desired to appoint the time and place of meeting for that purpose, and give the indians information of thereof.

*Resolved*, That it be referred to captain George Morgan, Eneas Mackay,



Mackay, Esq. and captain John Neville, to adjust and determine all matters of difference between Coquataginta, or captain White Eyes, and Messrs. Bernard Gratz and Michael Gratz; and that the arbitrators, in case either of the parties, to whom it is recommended to submit to their award, shall refuse to abide thereby, report the reasons of such refusal, with a state of the case, and any other matters they shall think fit, to Congress.

That disputes which shall arise between any of the white people and the indians in their dealings, (if the latter will consent) be determined by arbitrators chosen, one by each of the parties, and another by the commissioners for indian affairs, or when they are absent, by the agent in the department where the indian party resides.

The Congress then proceeded to the choice of an agent for indian affairs in the middle department, and the ballots being taken and examined,

George Morgan, Esq. was elected.

*Resolved*, That the sum of 300 dollars be presented to captain White Eyes.

*Resolved*, That George Morgan, Esq. the agent for indian affairs in the middle department, be impowered to purchase for captain White Eyes, two horses with two saddles and bridles, and that the treasurers be directed to pay to the said George Morgan, a sum not exceeding 100 dollars for defraying the expences thereof.

*Resolved*, That the following speech be delivered to captain White Eyes to-morrow morning.

*Brother captain White Eyes,*

“ We have not been unmindful of our promise made to you and your nation, the 16th of December. We now thank you for your speech to us the 2d of last month.

*Brothers the Delawares,*

At the council fire at Pittsburgh, last fall, and since by our brother captain White Eyes, who hath been all the winter with us, you requested our assistance to promote peace and useful knowledge among you, particularly the knowledge of the Christian religion. We rejoice, brothers, to find you thus disposed, and will, as early as we can, provide a suitable minister and schoolmaster, and a sober man to instruct you in agriculture. These things we agree to do, brothers, at your request, and to convince you that we wish to advance your happiness, and that there may be a lasting union between us, and that, as you express it, we may become one people. The introduction of useful arts among you will be effected, we apprehend, by encouraging handicraft men to settle and reside in your country. The method of doing this, must be left to your own discretion.

*Brothers,*

We desire you will make it known among all the indian nations to the westward, that we are determined to cultivate peace and  
friendship

friendship with them, and that we will endeavour by making the best regulations in our power, to prevent any of our people wronging them in any manner, or taking their lands; and that we will strive to put the trade between us on such a footing as will secure the peace, and promote the interest of all parties; and we expect, that all the wise men of every indian nation will use their influence for the same purpose.

*Brothers,*

We have named George Morgan, Esq. as agent under our commissioners for indian affairs in the middle department, and we desire you will confer with him on whatever business you may have with us. We hope you will inform him of all public matters. We recommend him to your friendship.

*Brothers,*

You tell us, that your uncles, our brothers, the Wiandots have given your nation a large tract of country, comprehended between the river Ohio on the south, the west branch of the river Muskingham and Sandusky on the West, Lake Erie on the North, and Presque-Isle on the east.

*Brothers,*

Hearken to our advice. As we are informed that your uncles our brothers the six nations claim most of those lands, we recommend it to you to obtain their approbation of this grant to you from the Wiandots in public council, and have it put on record. Such a step will prevent uneasiness and jealousy on their part, and continue the confidence and friendship which subsists between you and them. We wish to promote the lasting peace and happiness of all our brothers the indian nations, who live with us on this great island. As far as your settlement and security may depend upon us, you may be assured of our protection. We shall take all the care in our power, that no interruption or disturbance be given you by our people, nor shall any of them be suffered by force or fraud to deprive you of any of your lands, or to settle them without a fair purchase from you, and your free consent. If contrary to our intention, any injury should be offered to you by any of our people, inform us of it, and we shall be always ready to procure you satisfaction and redress.

*Brother captain White Eyes,*

We desire you will inform your nation, your uncles the six nations, and Wiandots, your grand children the Shawanese, and all the other nations, what you have seen and heard among us, and exhort them to keep fast hold of the covenant chain of friendship which we have so lately repaired and strengthened. As you are now about to depart, we present you with some money to buy cloaths and necessaries, and pay your expences, and we wish you a good Journey, and bid you farewell.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to morrow.

THURSDAY,

THURSDAY, April 11, 1776.

A letter of the 7th, from gen. Putnam at New-York, with sundry papers enclosed, was presented to Congress and read.

*Resolved*, That an order for 10,000 dollars be drawn on the treasurers in favour of Carpenter Wharton commissary, for the use of the Pennsylvania battalions, he to be accountable.

The committee of claims reported that there is due,

To lieutenant colonel Zedwitz for expences in curing a wound received by him in falling from the walls of Quebec, and his expences from thence to Philadelphia, the sum of 255.6 dollars:

To John Hales, for carriage hire, &c. for the commissioners going to Canada, the sum of 223 dollars:

To Oliver Woolcot, Esq; for his expences in attending a treaty with the six nations at Albany, the sum of 60 dollars:

To Dr. Jonathan Potts, for attending the prisoners at Reading, the sum of 76.6 dollars; and for medicines, &c. provided for the troops in the middle department, the sum of 134.6 dollars, amounting together to the sum of 211.2 dollars.

To the following persons for boarding, &c. gen. Lee's guard, viz.

Richard Jacobs,	the sum of	6.4 dollars.
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William Staddleman.		7.4
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William M'Dowell,		3.4
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Lawrence Fegan,		8.4
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Jacob Wyncoop,		13.6
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Michael Gallagher,		1.8
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John Kerlin,		8.6
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Charles Stultz,		3.7
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To captain Long, for so much advanced by him to captain John Nelson, of one of the rifle companies, the sum of 10.7 dollars:

*Ordered*, That the said accounts be paid.

*Resolved*, That the committee of claims allow for the support of the hostages sent by gen. Schuyler from Tryon county, the sum of two dollars a week.

*Resolved* That two new members be added to the cannon committee, in the room of two who are absent:

The members chosen, Mr. Clinton, and Mr. Whipple.

*Resolved*, That the secret committee be directed to supply the delegates of Maryland with one ton of powder for the use of the inhabitants of the eastern shore in that colony.

*Resolved*, That the committee of safety of Pennsylvania be requested to provide proper barracks or quarters for such of the continental troops as may be from time to time in the city of Philadelphia.

*Resolved*, That the commanding officer at New-York, be directed to discharge the militia of New-Jersey who are in the pay of the continent:

That the commanding officer at New-York be directed to discharge the whole or such parts of the militia of New-York and Connecticut, now in the pay of the continent, as the public service will permit.

A petition from Eliphalet Dyer and William Williams in behalf of the colony of Connecticut, was presented to Congress and read, setting forth that the colony has advanced large sums of money for the continent over and above what have been paid them, that tho' they have used their utmost diligence they have not yet been able to prepare a full state of their accounts to lay before Congress, and as their treasury is exhausted, and the colony and the public interest in danger of suffering for want of supplies, praying that the Congress would advance to the colony the sum of fifty thousand pounds lawful money, in part of their advances.

*Resolved*, That the sum of 166,666 $\frac{2}{3}$  dollars be advanced to the colony of Connecticut, on account of their advances for the service of the continent, the said colony to be accountable.

Captain White Eyes being called in, the speech was delivered to him, and the money paid.

*Resolved*, That fifty dollars be paid to Isaac Stille the interpreter.

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the conventions and committees or councils of safety of Virginia and North-Carolina, to provide for the maintainance and security of such of the enemy as are made prisoners in their colonies, agreeable to the regulations of Congress for the support of prisoners, and that the expence thereof be defrayed by the continent.

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to inquire into the truth of the report respecting governor Tryon's exacting an oath from persons going by the packet, and to ascertain the fact by affidavits taken before a chief justice, or other chief magistrate;

The members chosen, Mr. Jay, Mr. Wythe, and Mr. Wilson.

*Resolved*, That the sum of thirty dollars be advanced to John Harkess, a wounded soldier, who was discharged at Cambridge without any pay.

Information being given that Mr. Hewes, a prisoner, has been defrauded of a large quantity of goods;

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to enquire into the truth of this matter, and report to Congress:

The members chosen, Mr. M'Kean, Mr. Huntingdon, and Mr. Duane.

The committee, to whom the petition of John Secord was referred, brought in their report, which was read.

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the several assemblies, conventions, and committees or councils of safety of the United Colonies, to use their best endeavours in communicating to foreign nations the resolutions of Congress relative to trade.

Adjourned



Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, April 12. 1776.

A letter of the 21st March, from W. H. Drayton, president of the convention of South-Carolina, with a copy of the act of parliament prohibiting all trade and commerce with the American colonies: Also,

A letter of the 10th instant from colonel John Haslet, inclosing an account of the engagement between the detachment of the Delaware battalion at Lewes, and a tender of the Roebuck; also informing that another company is wanted at Lewes Town, and that he has ordered one to march thither, were laid before Congress and read.

*Resolved*, That the conduct of colonel Haslet in ordering another company to Lewes Town, be approved.

The committee on qualifications having recommended James Hunter as a fit person to fill the oldest vacancy of second lieutenant, and Joel Westcoat as a suitable person to fill the second oldest vacancy of second lieutenant in the third Pennsylvania battalion;

*Resolved*, That commissions be granted to them accordingly.

*Resolved*, That the treasurers be directed to pay Mr. Price the sum of 16,000 dollars in specie, in part of the sum ordered to be advanced to him and Mr. Haywood.

A petition from colonel James Easton was presented to Congress and read.

*Resolved*, That it be referred to a committee of three.

The members chosen, Mr. Braxton, Mr. Duane, and Mr. Alexander.

*Resolved*, That the assemblies, conventions, and committees or councils of safety of the colonies respectively, in which prisoners are or shall chuse, or be appointed to reside, be impowered to remove such prisoners from place to place within the same colonies, as often as to such assemblies, conventions, or committees or councils of safety respectively, it shall seem proper, having regard to the former resolutions of Congress concerning prisoners.

*Resolved*, That Mr. Alexander be appointed a member of the marine committee, in the room of Mr. Chase who is absent.

A memorial from the Scotch hostages was presented to Congress and read.

*Resolved*, That it be referred to the committee of claims.

The committee of claims reported that there is due,

To Henry Holler, for rifles and cash furnished to captain Nelson's company of rifle men, the sum of 364.8 dollars to be charged to said company; and for provisions for said company, the sum of 171.3 dollars; and for necessaries provided for prisoners at Reading, 1203 dollars; and for his pay as quarter master in procuring provisions, 59 dollars; for provisions made for receiving the

the prisoners from Johnstown, the sum of 240 dollars; for exprefses and incidental charges, the sum of 62.9 dollars; the whole amounting to 2101 dollars.

*Ordered*, That the fame be paid.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to morrow.

SATURDAY, *April 13, 1776.*

*Resolved*, That an order for 20,000 dollars be drawn on the treafurers in favour of James Meafe commiffary, for the ufe of the Pennsylvania battalions, he to be accountable.

Mr. Meafe having applied to Congress for advice how to conduct himself in paying the fixth Pennsylvania battalion;

*Resolved*, That the queries propounded by Mr. Meafe be referred to the committee for procuring fire arms.

The committee of claims reported that there is due,

To Robert Erwin, the ballance of his account for waggon hire, the sum of 436 dollars.

*Ordered*, That the fame be paid.

A petition from the committees of the townships of Walpack, Sandystone, and Montague, in the county of Suffex in New-Jersey, was presented to Congress and read:

*Resolved*, That the fame be referred to the commissioners for indian affairs, who are members of Congress.

The committee appointed to prepare a resolution for the sale and consumption of the teas now in these colonies, brought in the fame, which was read and agreed to, as follows:

Whereas by the third article of the affociation entered into by the late Continental Congress at Philadelphia, on the 24th day of October, in the Year of our Lord 1774, it was agreed, that from that day the inhabitants of the United Colonies " would not purchase nor use any tea imported on account of the East India company, or any on which a duty had been or should be paid, and from and after the first day of March then next following, they would not purchase or use any East India tea whatever:" And whereas it has been represented to this Congress, that the time as aforesaid limited for the consumption of the tea then on hand was too short; whereby many zealous friends to the American cause, who had imported large quantities of that commodity, with design not merely to advance their fortunes, but to counteract the plan then pursued by the ministry, and India company, to introduce and sell in these colonics tea subject to duty, are likely to become great sufferers; the greater part of the estates of many of them being vested in that article, and they by that means rendered incapable not only of paying their debts and maintaining their families, but also of vigorously exerting themselves in the service of their country: And whereas it was originally the design of Congress, that all India tea, which had been imported agreeable to the

the tenor of the said association, might be sold and consumed, but the time limited for that purpose proving too short;

*Resolved*, That all India tea imported as aforesaid, expressly excepting all teas imported by or on account of the East India company, now remaining on hand in these colonies be sold and used:

And whereas from the future importation of tea being prohibited, some tea-holders may be tempted to avail themselves of the scarcity which will be occasioned by it, and exact exorbitant prices for an article of little real value in itself, and which owes its worth to an habit in many respects pernicious to the inhabitants of these colonies;

*Resolved*, therefore, That Bohea tea ought not to be sold by retail in the smallest quantities at a higher price in any colony, than at the rate of three fourth parts of a dollar per pound; and other teas at such a price as shall be regulated by the committees of the town or county, where the tea is sold; and that all persons, who shall either give or take a greater price for it, ought to be considered as enemies to the American cause, and treated accordingly. And it is earnestly recommended to all committees of inspection and observation as well to be vigilant in carrying this resolve into execution, as those which prohibit the importation of India tea from any part of the world, it being the desire of Congress to exclude all teas, except such as may make part of the cargoes of prizes taken by ships of war or privateers belonging to these colonies.

*Resolved*, That the secret committee be directed to deliver to lieutenant colonel Hartley one quarter cask of powder, to repay so much by him borrowed for the use of the continent.

The committee appointed to prepare a letter to the committee of safety of New-Jersey, brought in a draught, which being read was agreed to:

*Ordered*, That the same be transcribed, signed by the president and transmitted.

The committee appointed to consider the representation and queries of James Mease respecting the sixth battalion of troops commanded by colonel Irvine, brought in their report, which was read: Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the certificates of magistrates or other respectable inhabitants of the county of Cumberland, who have inspected and examined the companies of the said battalion, shall in this instance justify the pay-master in paying such companies agreeable to the said certificates, the muster master being absent:

That the supernumerary privates, that have been enlisted and are armed and clothed, be continued and paid:

That the officers in the said battalion be paid for their subsistence since the recruiting service has been over, at the rates used in other battalions:

That



That the claim of the ensign in captain Wilson's company to pay and subsistence, from the time of entering into actual service, be allowed.

*Resolved*, That the marine committee be impowered to build two gallies, capable of carrying each two 36 or 42 pounders, to oppose the enemy's vessels in bays and harbours.

*Resolved*, That the committee for casting cannon be directed to contract for the casting forty howitzers, with a sufficient quantity of shells.

The committee appointed to take into consideration the application of James Hughes, late town major of Montreal, and now one of the prisoners of the thirteen United Colonies, brought in their report; wherein they represent,

"That it appears to them that Mrs. Hughes, the wife of the said James Hughes on or about the 5th of February last, bargained with a certain Jabez West, for divers goods and merchandize in her possession at Montreal, for which the said West, as the said J. Hughes alledges, agreed to pay £ 905 : 11 : 9 :  $\frac{3}{4}$  sterling money of Great Britain, and £ 151 : 1 : 9 : Halifax currency, in gold and silver to the said Hughes, within eighteen days from that time, upon which payment being made, the goods were to be delivered at Albany, to the said West, by a certain John Stevenson of Albany; to whom they were to be sent at the expence of the said West: That the said West paid to the said Hughes, 240 dollars in part, but it was, as the said Hughes alledges, agreed that if the residue of the money was not paid within the time limited, then the 240 dollars were to be forfeited, and the goods not to be delivered; that the goods arrived at Albany, and were in the possession of Mr. Stevenson, who, on the 11th of March last, by some means or other, was induced to deliver the goods to West, though he paid no money; that the said West gave a bond to the said Stevenson, payable to the said Hughes, for £ 1609 : 18 : 8 continental currency, on the 9th of April instant, without any authority from the said Hughes, as he alledges; that the said West proceeded with the goods, immediately on the receipt of them, to some of the eastern colonies, and it is apprehended to Connecticut. Upon the whole, the committee are of opinion, that the said Hughes may probably lose his debt from West, without the interposition of Congress, or their permission to him to go in pursuit of the said West." Whereupon

*Resolved*, That governor Trumbull of the colony of Connecticut, be desired to direct the most effectual method, according to law, to be taken for securing the person of Jabez West, or his effects to the value of the debt due to James Hughes, if either can be found in his government; and to see that justice be done in the premises.

Adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday next.

MONDAY,



MONDAY, April 15, 1776.

A letter of the 4th from general Washington, enclosing a letter from governor Cooke, and an account of the powder supplied the army at Cambridge, by the colony of Massachusetts-Bay, from the 10th of June last: Also a letter of the 2d from general Schuyler, with eight papers enclosed, being laid before Congress and read :

*Resolved*, That the said letters with the papers enclosed, be referred to Mr. Wythe, Mr. Harrison, and Mr. S. Adams.

The committee to whom the petition from the committees of Walpack, &c. was referred, brought in their report, which was agreed to. Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That an order be drawn by the chairman of the secret committee upon Henry Wisner, Esq; in favour of the petitioners, for 200 lb. of powder, they paying for the same :

That 1000 flints be delivered to the petitioners :

That the petitioners be desired to send Garret Broadhead, Esq; to the nearest Indian settlement, in order to discover whether any uneasiness subsists among the Indians in that part of the country; and if it subsists, from what cause it arises :

That a letter be written by the president of the Congress to general Schuyler, to inform him of the apprehension of the inhabitants on the western boundaries of New-Jersey from the Indians, to request him to direct proper inquiries to be made, whether there be any foundation for such apprehensions.

The Congress taking into consideration the report of the committee on the petition of John Secord:

*Resolved*, That a certified copy of the said petition be transmitted to the governor of Connecticut; that he be requested to cause inquiry to be made into the truth of the facts therein stated, and if found true, that it be recommended to him to cause restitution to be made to the petitioner.

*Resolved*, That it be again recommended to the settlers at Wyoming and the Susquehannah river, as well those under Pennsylvania as those under Connecticut, to cultivate harmony, to consider themselves as jointly interested in the event of the American cause, and not by mutual acts of violence or oppression, to injure that union that happily subsists between all the colonies, and on which their welfare so much depends.

*Resolved*, That the secret committee be directed to supply the inhabitants of Monmouth county in New-Jersey, with 300 lb. of powder, they paying for the same.

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to bring in a resolution, whereby persons resident, having property in America, who assist any of the enemies of the United Colonies in the capture of vessels or goods, may be made liable to make good the damages to the sufferers.

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The members chosen, Mr. Braxton, Mr. Jay, and Mr. Wythe. A petition from Moses Kirkland, a prisoner, was presented to Congress and read.

*Resolved*, That it be referred to the committee on prisoners.

The Congress resumed the consideration of the report of the committee on the ways and means of supplying the troops in Canada; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That Mr. R. Morris be directed to purchase bills of exchange to the amount of three thousand pounds sterling, and deliver the same to Mr. Price; and that Mr. Morris be indemnified for any loss that may arise from indorsing them:

That the sum of 13,333.3 dollars be advanced to Mr. Price, to be employed by him in the service of the continent, in Canada, he to be accountable.

*Resolved*, That the officers of the rifle battalion, and independent rifle companies, be authorized and directed to recruit the said battalion and companies, and enlist the men as speedily as possible; and that their re-enlistment be for two years from the expiration of their present term, liable to be discharged sooner, if Congress shall think proper, upon receiving a month's pay advance.

A petition from Thomas Leaming, jun. in behalf of the committee of inspection for the county of cape May, was presented to Congress and read, setting forth the defenceless state of that part of the country, and praying for a supply of powder and lead, and that two companies of the continental forces may be stationed there:

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petition be granted.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, April 16, 1776.

A letter of the 9th from commodore E. Hopkins, inclosing a list of the cannon and stores brought from providence; and a letter of the 14th from the committee of Baltimore, inclosing copies of intercepted letters from the secretary of state to governor Eden; also a letter of the 8th from general Thomas, were laid before Congress and read.

*Ordered*, That the secretary publish an extract of the letter from commodore Hopkins.

The Congress taking into consideration the letter from the committee of Baltimore, and the papers enclosed, came to the following resolutions:

Whereas information has been this day laid before Congress, from which there is great reason to believe that Robert Eden, Esq. governor of Maryland, has lately carried on a correspondence with the British ministry, highly dangerous to the liberties of America;

*Resolved*, therefore, That the council of safety of Maryland be earnestly

earnestly requested immediately to cause the person and papers of governor Eden to be seized and secured, and such of the papers as relate to the American dispute, without delay conveyed safely to Congress; and that copies of the intercepted letters from the secretary of state be inclosed to the said council of safety.

*Resolved*, That the council of safety of Maryland be requested to cause the person and papers of Alexander Ross to be immediately seized and secured, and that the papers be sent safely to Congress.

And to prevent the said Alexander Ross having any opportunity to escape;

*Resolved*, That the like request be made to the committees of observation for Baltimore and Frederic counties in Maryland, in one of which counties the said Alexander Ross probably now is.

The committee of claims reported that there is due,

To Isaac Melchior, for expences from Montreal to Philadelphia, including a part of St. Luke La Corne's expences to Albany, the sum of 34.7 dollars:

To Leonard Melchior, for boarding M'Donald twenty days, the sum of 16 dollars:

To William Chew, for riding express to North-Carolina and back, including ferriages, the sum of 90 dollars, and that the same ought to be paid to J. Hughes, Esq:

To Samuel Purviance, jun. the sum of 133.3 dollars, money advanced by colonel Charles Beaty to captain James Grier, and that the same ought to be paid, and charged to the said James Grier:

To Anthony Tricker, for boarding Donald M'Donald and others of the Scots prisoners taken by general Schuyler, near Johnston, the sum of 150 dollars:

To Peletiah Webster, for purchasing goods for the continent, including some incidental charges, the sum of 66.3 dollars.

*Ordered*, That the said accounts be paid.

*Resolved*, That the secret committee be directed to supply the inhabitants of Monmouth county with 500 flints.

The Congress proceeded to the election of a clerk or assistant to the auditor general:

Mr. William Webb was elected.

A letter of the 15th from H. Beaumont, surgeon of the 26th regiment, was laid before Congress and read:

*Resolved*, That it be referred to the committee on prisoners.

*Resolved*, That the sum of 1000 dollars be paid to Messrs. Price and Haywood, in consideration of their extraordinary services in Canada.

Whereas much inconvenience may be derived to the public from committees, others than the committee of safety in each colony, on the public post roads, stopping and opening the mails, and detaining letters from the constitutional post;



*Resolved*, That no committee, but the council or committee of safety in each colony, or such persons as they shall on extraordinary occasions authorise, shall stop the constitutional post, open the mail, or detain any letters therefrom.

*Resolved*, That the president write to commodore Hopkins, and direct him to send a complete list and state of the stores taken and brought from Providence, with the sizes of the cannon, &c. And in case he should have left New-London, that governor Trumbull be desired to order a list of the stores left at New-London by commodore Hopkins to be made out and transmitted to Congress.

*Resolved*, That the cannon and such other of the stores as are not necessary for the fleet be landed and left at New-London, and that such of the cannon and wheels as governor Trumbull shall direct, may be employed for the defence of that harbour, during the pleasure of Congress.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, April 17. 1776.

The committee of claims reported that there is due,

To John Avery, jun. for riding exprefs from commodore Hopkins and back again, the sum of 40.7 dollars.

*Ordered*, That the same be paid.

*Resolved*, That the marine committee be instructed to recommend to Congress proper persons for commission officers for the frigates now building, and that the warrant officers be appointed by the said committee; and that they fit said frigates for sea with all expedition:

That the marine committee recommend to Congress proper persons to be agents for prizes in the several colonies:

That a bounty of eight dollars be allowed by the public to the owner of every American vessel for every able seaman that he shall import into the United Colonies, over and above the number the said vessel carried out; and that foreigners importing able seamen over and above the ship's company, and discharging them in the American ports, shall be intitled to the same bounty.

*Resolved*, That the nomination or appointment of captains or commanders of continental vessels shall not establish rank, which is to be settled by Congress before commissions are granted.

The Congress having proceeded to the election of captains for the two frigates building in Massachusetts-Bay:

William Manly, and

Isaac Cozneau were elected.

*Resolved*, That the secret committee be empowered to give orders for the arming and manning abroad any of the ships or vessels employed in the importation of cargoes for the continental account; the expences and charges of such armaments to be paid by the said committee; they receiving for the public service,

on



on the arrival of every vessel, all the arms, ammunition and stores.

*Resolved*, That the secret committee be impowered to import cargoes of salt on the continental account, in such ships or vessels as they employ to carry outward cargoes, and are obliged to insure on their return.

*Resolved*, That the committee of safety of Pennsylvania be requested to permit John Young, jun. and Johnston Smith to carry to Virginia all such arms as they have already purchased, or shall purchase in Pennsylvania, for the use of the continental army in the said colony of Virginia, before the first day of May next; not to exceed one thousand stand in the whole.

*Resolved*, That the secret committee be directed to supply Mr. Thomas Leaming with 200 lb. of powder, for the militia of Cape May, he paying for the same.

*Resolved*, That the commanding officer at New-York be directed to order two companies of colonel Dayton's battalion to march to Cape May, and there to remain till farther orders.

*Resolved*, That the petition of Dr. Jackson be referred to the committee of claims.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, April 18, 1776.

A letter of the 15th from general Washington. And,

A letter of the 7th of November last, from the rev. Samuel Langden, accompanied with a letter from general Putnam, and colonels Glover, Bridge, Fry, and Prescott. Also,

A letter from James Warren, Esq; pay-master general, desiring leave to resign, were laid before Congress and read.

*Resolved*, That the said letters be referred to a committee of three.

The members chosen, Mr. Read, Mr. Clinton, and Mr. Braxton.

A letter from Elizabeth Seymour, widow of the late master of the Cabbot, was laid before Congress and read;

*Resolved*, That it be referred to the marine committee.

*Resolved*, That the committee on indian affairs be directed to prepare and report a draught of instructions to George Morgan, Esq; agent under the commissioners for indian affairs in the middle department.

A letter of the 6th from brigadier general Lewis, and a letter of the same date from major general Lee, being received and read, were referred to Mr. Read, Mr. Clinton, and Mr. Braxton.

The committee of claims reported that there is due,

To Dr. Samuel Treate, for medicine, and for attending the troops at Burlington, the sum of 273.7 dollars:

To

To John Bull, Esq; for expences in conducting money to the camp at Cambridge, the sum of 155 dollars :

To Jacob Ming for waggonage, the sum of 107.5 dollars :

To Robert Kennedy, for necessaries furnished captain Morgan's company, the sum of 544 dollars, of which sum 189.2 being for rifles, shirts, &c. to be charged to the said company :

To Thaddeus Burr, for money paid by him for horse-hire, &c. the sum of 37.2 dollars, which ought to be charged to Jacob Hiltzheimer, express matter :

To fundries, on certificates produced by Thomas Johnson, Esq; for provisions, &c. for general Lee's guard, the sum of 10.7 dollars, and for a rifle delivered to captain Cressap's company, to be charged to the said company, the sum of 10.6 dollars :

To Jane Allen, for necessaries to several companies of continental troops, the sum of 52.9 dollars, of which sum 40 dollars, ought to be charged to the first Pennsylvania battalion, and deducted from the commissary's account :

To Dr. Hall Jackson, for his services as surgeon, the sum of 130 dollars, and that the same ought to be paid to Elbridge Gerry, Esq:

To William Smith, for medicines, instruments, &c. for the Delaware battalion, the sum of 257.4 dollars :

To Timothy Shallor, for expences in bringing prisoners from Egg-Harbour, the sum of 37.5 dollars.

*Ordered*, That the said accounts be paid.

The marine committee having recommended gentlemen for captains of the Hornet and Wasp, Congress proceeded to an election, and the ballots being taken and examined ;

William Hallock was elected captain of the Hornet ; and,  
Alexander captain of the Wasp.

The committee appointed to consider the propriety of establishing a war office, brought in their report, which was read.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, April 19, 1776.

A letter of the 2d from governor Trumbull, with a petition from Noah Philips, being laid before Congress and read :

*Resolved*, That they be referred to the committee on qualifications.

*Resolved*, That a committee of seven be appointed to examine and ascertain the value of the several species of gold and silver coins, current in these colonies, and the proportions they ought to bear to Spanish milled dollars :

The members chosen, Mr. Duane, Mr. Wythe, Mr. J. Adams, Mr. Sherman, Mr. Hewes, Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Whipple.

The committee of claims reported that there is due,

To

To Peter Brunner, for necessaries furnished to captain Nelson's company by himself and Abraham Vanhorn, the sum of 25.2 dollars, which ought to be charged to captain Nelson :

To Mary Miller, for provisions, &c. furnished to general Lee's guard, the sum of 16.5 dollars :

To Jacob Frantz, for horse-hire, and carrying brigadier general Woedtke's baggage to New-York, the sum of 47.5 dollars.

*Ordered*, That the said accounts be paid.

*Resolved*, That letters which are directed to any general in the continental service, commanding in a separate department, be carried free of postage, by the constitutional post.

The committee appointed to prepare instructions to George Morgan, Esq; brought in a draught which being read, was agreed to, as follows :

*To George Morgan, Esq; Agent under the Commissioners for Indian Affairs in the middle department.*

*Sir,*

You are required to provide that the great belt presented to the indians last fall at Pittsburgh, be forwarded with all convenient expedition to the sachems and warriors of the western nations, and endeavour to the utmost of your power to convince them of the good wishes and good intentions of Congress for and towards them, and to cultivate harmony and friendship between them and the white people, and to give Congress the most early intelligence of any interruption thereof, or of any disturbance which shall arise, and which you cannot quiet.

Acquaint the indians that Congress have formed the best plan they could devise to import foreign goods for their use, and have neglected no probable means to procure them in time, and if they should not be supplied so soon as they may be wanted, the misfortune is to be ascribed to the common enemies of them and us, who by obstructing our trade, as well as in numberless other instances are daily injuring and distressing both; but that we have well grounded hopes of speedy relief, in expectation of which, and of greater advantages in prospect, the present inconveniencies are born more patiently.

All differences and disputes that shall happen between the indians and white people, you will have adjusted and determined in the mode prescribed by a resolve of Congress, of which you have a copy: And you are directed in a particular manner to prevent as much as you are able, any impositions upon the former by those who deal with them. Treat all those people, with whom you may meet, kindly and hospitably. Inspire them with sentiments of justice and humanity, and dispose them to introduce the arts of civil and social life, and to encourage the residence of husbandmen and handicraft men among them. Advise Congress from time to time

time of all occurrences that may in your opinion deserve their attention.

The committee to whom general Washington's letter of the 15th instant, as well as other letters were referred, brought in their report, which being taken into consideration was agreed to; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That general Washington may order as many of the cannon and military stores, as are not necessary for the continental fleet, and which were lately brought into New London, by the commander thereof, to any other place he may think proper; having regard only to the permission of Congress, relative to the defence of the harbour of New London, a copy of which ought to be sent to general Washington, and also a list of the cannon and stores, as transmitted to Congress.

*Resolved*, That the resignation of James Warren, as pay-master general of the army be accepted and entered accordingly, and that he be informed there are superintendants of the treasury appointed, to whom he is to render his accounts and vouchers.

*Resolved*, That another pay master general be appointed and that the general be informed thereof.

As it appears from the certificates of four colonels of regiments at Cambridge, that the reverend Dr. Samuel Langdon, did not only perform the duty of a chaplain to their several regiments, for the space of six months, for which no other chaplain had been appointed, but also to the army at large; Therefore,

*Resolved*, That the said Dr. Langdon, having received no compensation for those services, be paid the sum of 300 dollars.

*Resolved*, That three tons of powder be immediately forwarded to Virginia, for the use of the army in the southern department.

*Resolved*, That general Washington be made acquainted with general Lee's request of a company of artillery, and be desired to furnish him with such a company, if it may be done consistent with the general good of the service.

*Resolved*, That an immediate supply of arms, shoes, and blankets, be furnished for the troops in Virginia, and that proper persons be appointed to procure them, subject to the orders of Congress already entered into.

*Resolved*, That Mr. Ephraim Blaine be appointed to purchase a quantity of blankets not exceeding 5000, and also that he be directed to purchase 5000 pair of shoes to be sent to Virginia, to the commanding officer at Williamsburgh.

*Resolved*, That Monday next be assigned for the election of a pay-master general.

*Resolved*, That Mr. Thomas Lowry commissary, be directed to purchase and forward to general Schuyler, with all convenient dispatch, 2000 barrels of pork for the use of the army in Canada, and that he be supplied with a sum not exceeding 20,000 dollars for that purpose, he to be accountable.

*Resolved*,



*Resolved*, That the committee appointed to confer with Mr. Price be directed to bring in a resolution to enable Messrs. Price and Haywood, to draw for the ballance of the money ordered to be paid them by the resolutions of the 3d and 16th of this month.

*Resolved*, That Messrs. Du Montesson, Hervieux, La Marque, Du Massanx, Shemit, Giasson, and Gamelin, Canadian prisoners at Bristol be permitted to come to Philadelphia in order to purchase cloaths, and other necessaries, and to remain there ten days and then return to Bristol.

The committee, to whom were referred the letter from general Washington of the 4th, and the letter from general Schuyler, of the 2d of this month, brought in their report.

The committee on prisoners having collected from the journals the several resolutions respecting prisoners, and having made some amendments therein, submitted the same to Congress.

Adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday.

MONDAY, April 22. 1776.

Sundry letters received since the adjournment, were laid before Congress and read, viz.

One from the committee of safety of Maryland, dated the 18th.

One from Dr. Boyd of the 19th.

One from the committee of inspection of Lancaster of the 11th.

One from the Canada commissioners, dated Saratoga, the 13th.

One from general Washington of the 19th.

One from general Schuyler of the 12th, enclosing sundry letters and papers from Canada. And,

One from the committee of inspection of West Augusta, with sundry papers enclosed.

*Resolved*, That the four last with the papers enclosed, be referred to Mr. R. H. Lee, Mr. J. Adams, Mr. Jay, Mr. Braxton, and Mr. Johnson.

*Resolved*, That the consideration of the letter from the committee of safety of Maryland, be postponed till to-morrow.

The committee appointed to prepare a resolve respecting Messrs. Price and Haywood, brought in the same; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That Messrs. Price and Haywood be impowered to draw bills of exchange on the president of Congress for the sum of 48,358.6 dollars, payable the 5th of July next, in specie; it being the ballance of a sum specified in a resolve of the 3d of April instant, after deducting 16,000 dollars, for which they received an order on the treasurers the 12th. And they are farther impowered to draw bills as aforesaid, for 1000 dollars, ordered to be paid them by a resolve of the 6th instant.

*Resolved*, That the commissioners gone to Canada be desired and impowered to settle the accounts of Messrs. Price and Haywood to the 5th of February last, or to employ proper persons to examine  
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the same and compare the vouchers with the several articles of said accounts, and return a certificate to Congress of the ballance justly due to Messrs. Price and Haywood from the United Colonies to that date, with the vouchers for expenditures and supplies by orders of general Montgomery and general Wooster.

*Resolved*, That the said commissioners be requested to return to Congress a list of such persons as are accountable to the United Colonies for any part of the articles or expenditures comprised in Messrs. Price and Haywood's accounts, with the respective sum such person is chargeable with, and deliver copies thereof to the commanding officers, that the proper deductions may be made from the pay of the officers and men.

*Resolved*, That an order for 1000 dollars be drawn on the treasurers in favour of Mr. Samuel Fairlamb, for the use of colonel Wayne's battalion, he to be accountable.

The committee on qualifications having recommended Mr. Jacob Weaver, to an ensigncy which is vacant in the third Pennsylvania battalion :

*Resolved*, That he be appointed, and that a commission be accordingly granted to him.

The several matters referred to this day being postponed.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, April 23, 1776.

A letter of the 12th from major general Ward being received and read, repeating his desire for leave to resign :

*Resolved*, That the resignation of major general Ward, and of brigadier general Fry be accepted, and that the president inform them thereof by letter.

The committee of claims reported that there is due,

To Robert Erwin, for waggonage, the sum of 873.8 dollars :

To John Dunn, the ballance in full due to colonel Heard's battalion, for their pay, subsistence, &c. on the expedition to Long Island, the sum of 2453.7 dollars.

*Ordered*, That the same be paid.

The marine committee having agreeable to the orders of Congress recommended gentlemen to be agents for prizes in the several colonies.

*Resolved*, That captain John Bradford be appointed for the colony of Massachusetts's Bay, Daniel Tillinghast for Rhode Island, Nathaniel Shaw, jun. for Connecticut, Jacobus Vanzantz for New York, John Nixon, and John Maxwell Nesbit for Pennsylvania, William Lux for Maryland, John Tazewell for Virginia, Cornelius Harnet for Wilmington, Richard Ellis for Newbern, and Robert Smith for Edentown in North-Carolina, with power to each to appoint one or more deputies, if necessary.

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The committee to whom the letters from gen. Washington, gen. Schuyler, and the letters from Canada and Pittsburgh were referred, brought in their report, which was taken into consideration whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the president signify to colonel Hazen the approbation of Congress for his letter, and attention to the public good.

*Resolved*, That 300,000 dollars be immediately sent to gen. Schuyler, for supplying and paying the army in Canada.

*Resolved*, That the commissioners of Congress in Canada, be desired to publish an address to the people of Canada, signifying, that Congress has been informed of injuries offered by our people to some of them: expressing our resentment at such misconduct, assuring them of our attachment to their security; inviting them to state their grievances to our commissioners, and promising ample redress to them, and exemplary punishment to the offenders.

*Resolved*, That instructions be sent to the commissioners to cause justice to be done to the Canadians, agreeable to the tenor of the above resolve.

*Resolved*, That the commanding officer in Canada, be directed to be very attentive to military discipline, and inflict exemplary punishment on all those who violate the military regulations established by Congress.

*Resolved*, That gen. Washington, be directed to send six battalions into Canada from the army at New-York.

*Resolved*, That a letter be written by the president to gen. Washington, requesting his opinion whether any farther additional troops are necessary to be sent for the reduction of Quebec, and for the security of Canada, and if he shall think more troops necessary, whether they can with safety be spared from the army now in New York.

*Resolved*, That if any of the troops from Yew-Jersey or Pennsylvania, which were raised at five dollars a month, be sent to Canada, they shall be allowed at the rate of six dollars and two thirds of a dollar a month, from the time they begin their march.

*Resolved*, That the farther consideration of the report be postponed till to-morrow.

The several matters to this day referred being postponed.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to morrow.

WEDNESDAY, April 24. 1776.

A memorial from the committee of inspection and observation of the city and liberties of Philadelphia was presented to Congress and read.

*Resolved*, That it be referred to a committee of three.

The members chosen, Mr. Hewes, Mr. Duane, and Mr. Alexander.

Mr. R. Morris reported that in pursuance of the order of Con-

gress, he has purchased and delivered to Mr. James Price bills of exchange to the amount of three thousand pounds sterling, for which he produced Mr. Price's receipt.

*Resolved*, That an order for 14,800 dollars be drawn on the treasurers in favour of Mr. R. Morris in full for the above bills of exchange.

*Resolved*, That the committees appointed to confer with Mr. Price, be directed to draw up instructions to him, for his government in disposing and laying out the money put into his hands.

*Resolved*, That Mr. Trumbull the commissary general be directed to provide and forward to gen. Schuyler, two thousand barrels of pork, with all possible dispatch, for the use of the continental army in Canada, and that the said commissary be supplied with a sum not exceeding 20,000 dollars for that purpose, he to be accountable for the same.

*Resolved*, That Mr. Alfop, Mr. Sherman, and Mr. Lewis be requested to purchase and forward with all convenient dispatch, to gen. Schuyler for the use of the continental army in Canada, 10,000 pair of shoes, 10,000 pair of stockings; and that 15,000 dollars be advanced to them for those purposes, they to be accountable.

*Resolved*, That a letter be written to gen. Schuyler to inform him of the ten additional battalions lately ordered for Canada, and of the 4000 barrels of pork, and the 10,000 pair of shoes, and 10,000 pair of stockings, ordered by Congress to be sent to him; and to desire him to pursue the best means for furnishing such other necessary articles of cloathing and food as may be wanting for the continental army in Canada, having regard to such of these as Mr. Price the commissary in that province can supply there: Also that general Schuyler be desired to inform the president what quantity of gun powder he has received for Canada since the first of January last, and that he continue, as hitherto, to give the earliest notice to Congress of the occasion for further supplies of this and other necessaries that may be wanting, and not in his power to procure.

*Resolved*, That the secret committee be directed to forward from Mr. Wisner's and Mr. Livingston's powder mills, five tons of powder to gen. Schuyler, to be by him forwarded to Canada.

The committee of claims reported that there is due,

To John Gibson, agent appointed by the commissioners for indian affairs, for sundry services in the middle department by order of the commissioners, the sum of 377.9 dollars:

To John Davis, for waggonage for the 6th Pennsylvania battalion, the sum of 60 dollars:

To Furman and Hunt, for provisions, &c. for the prisoners at Trenton, the sum of 183.8 dollars:

To Duncan McDonald, the sum of 15.8 dollars, of which sum 13.6 dollars ought to be charged to captain Hendrick's company, and



and 2.2 dollars to captain Cluggage's company, for goods furnished to the said companies; and that the same ought to be paid to Ephraim Blaine, Esq:

To Margaret Smith, for nursing two men in the small pox, belonging to captain Benezet's company, the sum of 24 dollars.

*Ordered,* That the said accounts be paid.

The convention of South-Carolina having appointed delegates to represent that colony in Congress, the credentials of their appointment were presented to Congress and read, as follows:

*" In Congress, Charlestown, South-Carolina, Feb. 16. 1776.*

*Resolved,* That Thomas Lynch, John Rutledge, Edward Rutledge, Arthur Middleton, and Thomas Heyward, jun. Esqrs. be, and they are hereby appointed and fully authorised to represent this colony in the continental Congress, for one year next ensuing.

*March 23. 1776.*

*Resolved,* That the delegates of this colony in continental Congress, or a majority of such of them as shall at any time be present in the said Congress, or any one of the said delegates, if no more than one shall be present, be, and they and he are, and is hereby authorised and empowered, for and in behalf of this colony, to concert, agree to, and execute every measure, which they or he, together with a majority of the continental Congress, shall judge necessary for the defence, security, interest, and welfare of this colony in particular, and of America in general.

*Resolved,* That another delegate be forthwith chosen by ballot by this Congress, to represent this colony in the continental Congress, in addition to, and with as full powers in all respects as the delegates already chosen have, and are invested with. The Congress then proceeded to ballot for said delegate, and Thomas Lynch, jun. Esq. appearing to be, and being declared duly chosen,

*Resolved,* That Thomas Lynch, jun. Esq. be, and he is hereby appointed a sixth delegate from this colony, to represent the same in the continental Congress.

*A true copy,*

PETER TIMOTHY, Sec."

The Congress resolved itself into a committee of the whole to take into consideration general Washington's letter of the 27th of March, and after some time spent thereon, the president resumed the chair, and Mr. Harrison reported, that the committee have had under consideration the letter referred to them, but not having come to any determination thereon, desired him to move for leave to sit again.

*Resolved,* That Congress will to-morrow resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into their farther consideration the letter from general Washington of the 27th of March, and the petition inclosed therein.

The other matters to this day referred, being postponed.

Adjourned

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, April 25. 1776.

Two letters from general Washington of the 22d and 23d were laid before Congress and read;

*Resolved*, That they be referred to a committee of three.

The members chosen. Mr. R. H. Lee, Mr. J. Adams, and Mr. Hewes.

*Resolved*, That an order for 2000 dollars be drawn on the treasurers in favour of Ephraim Blaine, Esq. for the purpose of purchasing shoes and blankets for the continental troops in Virginia; he to be accountable.

The committee on qualifications having recommended Thomas Holland to be a second lieutenant in the Delaware battalion, in the room of James M-Donnough, deceased, and John Corfe, Ensign, in the room of Thomas Holland:

*Resolved*, That commissions be granted to them accordingly.

The committee to whom the petition of Noah Phelps was referred, brought in their report, which was agreed to; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the committee of inspection of the city of Albany be requested to adjust Mr. Noah Phelps's account of services performed at Ticonderoga; and that Mr. Noah Phelps be allowed and paid for his further services, including those of contractor from the time of his joining general Montgomery, at the rate of one dollar for each day, until he quitted the service, and an equivalent to a captain's rations during the said time, provided he has not already had them; the latter account to be settled by general Schuyler, who is requested to pay to the said Noah Phelps, what may appear to be due to him for the whole of his services aforesaid.

The committee to whom the letter from lord Stirling of the 10th of March last, with the papers therein inclosed, was referred, brought in their report, which was read:

Ordered to lie on the table.

On application from the committee of lower Pennsneck in the county of Salem in New-Jersey,

*Resolved*, That the secret committee be directed to sell to the said committee, 75 lb. of gun-powder.

*Resolved*, That a copy of the intercepted letter from John Butler at Niagara, dated the 29th of February, be sent to general Schuyler.

*Resolved*, That a copy of the report of the committee appointed to inquire into the truth and foundation of the story, "That the indians have been invited by governor Penn to come to Philadelphia," be sent to general Schuyler; and that general Schuyler be directed to cause the person to be arrested, who pretended to have carried such invitation to the indians.

The committee of claims reported that there is due,

For

For the expences of general Lee's guard, the sum of 10.8 dollars, and that the same ought to be paid to Timothy Matlock.

On a draught drawn by Ephraim Blaine, Esq. on the commissioners for indian affairs in the middle department, in favour of Samuel Semple, the sum of 77 dollars, for expences of the said commissioners, and that the said sum ought to be paid to Robert Miller, Esq. of the county of Cumberland.

For the subsistence of A. Hill Brice, captain of the 7th regiment of foot, of royal fusileers, the sum of 39.5 dollars, and that the same ought to be paid to Thomas M<sup>c</sup>Kean, Esq. and charged to the said captain.

*Ordered*, That the said accounts be paid.

Agreeable to the order of the day, Congress resolved itself into a committee of the whole, to take into their farther consideration the letter from general Washington of the 27th March last, and the papers therein inclosed, and after some time the president resumed the chair, and Mr. Harrison reported that the committee had come to a resolution, on the matters referred to them, which he read and delivered in.

The report being again read,

*Resolved*, That the consideration thereof be postponed.

Information being given to Congress that Allan Cameron, who is confined in goal, is in such a state of health as to require the attendance of a physician, and that he is desirous of the assistance of Dr. Cadwallader.

*Resolved*, That Dr. Cadwallader have leave to attend him.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

#### FRIDAY, April 26. 1776.

*Resolved*, That the secret committee be directed to settle and pay to the colony of Connecticut the powder lent by the said colony to general Washington, for the use of the continent, and to act as they shall judge best for the public service, and the benefit of Connecticut, in exchanging the powder which the said colony has in Philadelphia, for powder in the eastern ports belonging to the continent.

*Resolved*, That 50,000 dollars be sent to the committee of safety of Virginia, and that the president write to the said committee, and request them to use their utmost endeavours to have it exchanged for specie, and remit the same to the continental treasurers; and in case they can procure more specie, that they send it, and draw for the amount on the pay-master in Virginia, who is ordered to pay such draughts.

*Resolved*, That the sum of 250,000 dollars be sent to the pay-master in Virginia, for the use of the continental troops, he to be accountable.

A letter from Dr. Cadwallader was laid before Congress and read,

read, giving an account of A. Cameron's state of health; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the said A. Cameron be allowed the benefit of air in his room, and of walking an hour every morning in the yard, in company or presence of the jailor, and that his uncle Dr. McClean from New-York, who is now in town, be allowed to converse with him in presence of the jailor.

Edmund Randolph, who was appointed deputy muster-master general of the southern department, having been chosen by the citizens of Williamsburgh to represent them in convention, and an ordinance having been passed, excluding all persons holding any military post of profit from a seat therein, begged leave to resign his office.

*Resolved*, That the resignation of Mr. Randolph be accepted.

*Resolved*, That a committee of five be appointed to take into consideration the state of the eastern department, and report thereon.

The members chosen, Mr. Rutledge, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Wythe, Mr. Harrison, and Mr. Duane.

The committee of claims reported that there is due,

To Dr. Robert Johnson, for attendance on the 6th battalion, and for medicines, the sum of 53.1 dollars.

*Ordered*, That the said account be paid.

The committee to whom the letters from general Washington of the 22 and 23d instant were referred, brought in their report, which was taken into consideration, whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the pay of the aids de camp of the commander in chief be raised to forty dollars a month.

*Resolved*, That none of the troops already raised, be, for the present, disbanded for want of arms; and that the general apply to the convention and committee of safety of New-York for such arms, as may have been collected under the resolve of Congress for disarming non-associators and disaffected persons, or any other arms they can supply, and that they be delivered to the New-York troops.

*Resolved*, That Mr. Baldwin the assistant engineer ordered to Canada, be allowed, in consideration of his merit, the pay and rank of lieutenant colonel on the continental establishment.

*Resolved*, That the respective governments, from whence militia have come for the defence of the city of New-York, be desired speedily to transmit to Congress authenticated muster-rolls and accounts of monies due to such respective militias, in order to their being immediately settled and discharged.

*Resolved*, That Congress approve the assistance given by the general to commodore Hopkins.

*Resolved*, That the farther consideration of the report be postponed till to-morrow.

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Congress then took into consideration the report of the committee, on the petition of colonel James Easton; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the claims of the persons concerned in the surprize and reduction of the fortrefs of Ticonderoga, having already been submitted by Congress to the committee of Albany, the petitioner be referred to the said committee of Albany for a settlement of his demand on that account.

As from the testimonials produced by the petitioner it appears—that he and his battalion behaved with great diligence, activity, and spirit in the successful enterprize against general Prescott, and the vessels and troops under his command in the river Sorell, in which important service they were joined by colonel Bedel and a part of his regiment—that to encourage the party employed in that important service, the late general Montgomery promised them all the public stores which should be taken in the vessels under general Prescott's command, excepting ammunition and provisions; and as the petitioner alledges that no part of those stores was delivered, nor any composition made to the troops concerned in the acquisition; therefore,

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the general commanding in Canada, to appoint commissioners to estimate all the public stores taken with general Prescott, (excepting ammunition and provisions) and pay the value thereof among the officers and men employed in that service, in such proportions as the commissioners shall determine.

As the petitioner's account of monies received, and disbursements made by him for the use of his regiment, on which he claims a ballance, can, for want of proper vouchers and information here, only be adjusted in Canada, where the business was transacted;

*Resolved*, That the same be referred for settlement in such mode as the commissioners from Congress in that province shall direct. But as the petitioner is in want of money,

*Resolved*, That 200 dollars be advanced to him in part of his demand against the United Colonies.

With regard to the petitioners request that a court of inquiry may be called respecting the charge against him and major Brown for plundering the effects of the prisoners. As brigadier general Arnold in his letter of the 1st of February last alledges, that the petitioner and major Brown had been publicly accused of plundering the officers baggage taken at Sorrell, contrary to the articles of capitulation, and to the great scandal of the American arms; for which reason he declared it to be his opinion, that it would give great disgust to the army in general, if either of them should be promoted until these matters were cleared up; and as the petitioner asserts his innocence, declaring that he neither plundered, nor directed nor was privy to the plundering of any prisoner or other person whatever. Considering, therefore,

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on one hand, the aggravated nature of this charge, which is an impediment to the petitioner's promotion, and on the other, the great confidence reposed in him by general Montgomery, and the essential service which the petitioner has rendered to his country;

*Resolved*, That the commissioners from Congress in Canada be instructed to cause inquiry to be made by a court-martial, or otherwise, into the charge against the petitioner, giving him an opportunity of making his defence; and that the proceedings thereon be transmitted to Congress, in order that justice may be done to the petitioner, if he has been accused without sufficient reason.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

SATURDAY, April 27, 1776.

*Resolved*, That an order for 350 dollars be drawn on the treasurers in favour of Mr. Edy; of which 250 for himself, and 100 for Isaiah Beaudreau, for services done.

Sundry letters and papers from North-Carolina were laid before Congress and read, viz.

An affidavit respecting the capture of W. Ginn's brig.

A letter from Samuel Johnson, president of the convention, dated the 10th instant, inclosing sundry resolves of the said convention, and an extract of a letter from brigadier general Moore.

*Resolved*, That the affidavit be delivered to the secret committee.

That the other papers be referred to a committee of three.

The members chosen, Mr. Duane, Mr. Sherman, and Mr. Alexander.

Congress proceeded to the election of a pay-master general, in the room of Mr. Warren, whose resignation was accepted, and the ballots being taken and examined,

William Palsrey, Esq. was elected.

Congress also proceeded to the election of a deputy commissary general, for supplying the troops in Virginia with rations, and the ballots being taken and examined,

William Aylet, Esq. was elected.

*Resolved*, That Mr. Rodney and Mr. Read be added to the committee appointed to supply the troops in Philadelphia, and the battalion in the Lower Counties on Delaware.

A memorial from the committee of safety of Pennsylvania was presented to Congress and read.

The several matters to this day referred being postponed.

Adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday.

MONDAY, April 29, 1776.

Sundry letters and papers being received, were laid before Congress and read, viz.

A letter

A letter of the 25th from general Washington inclosing a return of the army at New York.

A letter from major Wrixon, declining to accept of the commission of chief engineer.

A letter from the council of safety of Maryland, with the examination of Alexander Rofs, and sundry papers found in his possession.

*Resolved*, That the letter from general Washington, and the letter from the council of safety of Maryland, with Mr. Rofs's papers, be referred to a committee of five:

The members chosen, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Rutledge, Mr. Goldborough, Mr. Paine, and Mr. Rodney.

Also, a letter of the 19th from general Lee, and one from Thomas Bullet; and a petition from Dr. J. Potts were read, and referred to the said committee.

*Resolved*, That letters be written by the president to general Schuyler and the committee of safety of New-York, desiring them to inform this Congress whether the continental commissions sent to them for the officers of the troops raised by Connecticut the last campaign, were delivered, or offered to them, or to any, and which of them, and whether any, and which of them refused, or accepted the same; and particularly whether commissions were offered to colonel Waterbury and colonel Easton, and whether they refused accepting them.

*Resolved*, That captain Peter Adams from Maryland, under whose custody Alexander Rofs was brought to Philadelphia be dismissed, and that the said Alexander Rofs be committed to the care of the officer commanding the continental troops in Pennsylvania.

*Resolved*, That a standing committee be appointed for indian affairs; that it consist of five: that the election of the members be postponed till to-morrow.

*Resolved*, That the Congress relying on the integrity and honour of captain A. McGee, order that he be permitted to go at large on giving his parole to the committee of West-Augusta, not to engage or be concerned in any measure injurious to these colonies, by stimulating the indian nations to make war against them, or otherwise.

The committee of claims reported that there is due,

To Benjamin Marshall, for tin cartouch boxes, the sum of 465 dollars:

To Ephraim Blaine, Esq. for subsistence, waggonage, and ferriages of the 6th Pennsylvania battalion, the sum of 2736 dollars,

*Ordered*, That the said accounts be paid.

Congress resumed the consideration of the report of the committee on general Washington's letter of the 19th, &c.; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the papers from fort Pitt be referred to the committee appointed to consider the state of indian affairs in the middle department.

*Resolved*, That no traders ought to go into the indian country without licence from the agent in the department: and that care be taken by him to prevent exorbitant prices for goods being exacted from the indians.

*Resolved*, That a ton of powder be sent to Mr. G. Morgan, to be distributed to such indians as he shall be convinced are in our interest.

*Resolved*, That measures be immediately taken to procure goods to supply the indians at the treaties ordered to be held with them.

*Resolved*, That the councils of Massachusetts Bay and New-Hampshire, and the governors of Connecticut and Rhode-Island, be earnestly requested to take the most speedy and effectual measures to collect as much hard money in their respective colonies as possible, and to send the same as collected to gen. Schuyler, and draw upon the president of Congress for the amount.

*Resolved*, That the further consideration of the report, and the several matters to this day referred, be postponed till to-morrow, to which time Congress adjourned.

TUESDAY, April 30, 1776.

Agreeable to order, Congress proceeded to the election of a standing committee for indian affairs, when

Mr. Wythe, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Woolcot, Mr. L. Morris, and Mr. Rutledge were elected.

The committee of claims reported, that there is due

To Matthew Swan for carrying two brass field pieces from Philadelphia to Williamsburg, the sum of 93.6 dollars, over and beside the sum of 80 dollars, paid him by Robert Erwin, and 13.3 dollars, paid by the committee of Williamsburg;

For house rent, carriage, and other contingent expences of the fourth Pennsylvania battalion, the sum of 358.6 dollars, and that the same ought to be paid to John Harper, quarter master of the said battalion:

For provisions for captain Ross's company supplied by Charles Jackson, the sum of 9.1 dollars, and that the same ought to be paid to Timothy Matlack.

*Ordered*, That the said accounts be paid.

The committee to whom was referred the memorial from the committee of inspection and observation of the city and liberties of Philadelphia, praying the advice of Congress, whether they ought to continue the exercise of the power of regulating the price of goods in other instances than that of green tea, brought in their report, which being taken into consideration, was agreed to; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the ninth article of the association, which enjoined the inhabitants of the United Colonies to sell goods and merchandize at the rates they had respectively been accustomed to do  
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for twelve months then last past, was in its nature a temporary regulation respecting the goods then on hand; but as those goods are nearly consumed, and a farther supply must be obtained at an extraordinary risque and expence, and it is reasonable that adventurers should be encouraged by a prospect of gain adequate to the danger, which may be incurred in the importation, and a free trade being now opened from the United Colonies to all parts of the world, except the dominions belonging to the king of Great Britain.

*Resolved*, That the power of committees of inspection and observation to regulate the prices of goods, in other instances than the article of green tea, ought to cease.

Congress took into consideration the report of the committee on gen. Washington's letter of the 24th of March; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the vessels which were left in the docks and harbour at Boston, by the enemy, and which different persons claim as their property, ought to be restored to their former owners, being inhabitants of these colonies, on their making proof of their title, unless the said parties so claiming, shall have been voluntarily active against the rights of the United Colonies, by affording aid and assistance to the British fleet and army; and that it be recommended to the government of Massachusetts-Bay to appoint commissioners to hear such claims, and determine on the sufficiency of the proof thereof:

Provided, That any person apprehending himself or herself to be aggrieved by the adjudication of the commissioners may appeal from their sentence to Congress, such appeal being demanded and lodged with the secretary of Congress, within the times limited, and the appellant giving security, in the manner prescribed in the case of an appeal from the sentence of a court appointed for hearing maritime causes.

*Resolved*, That the farther consideration of the report be postponed.

*Resolved*, That an order for 2000 dollars be drawn on the treasurers in favour of George Evans who has contracted to supply the Delaware battalions with rations, he to be accountable.

The delegates for New-Jersey having laid before Congress a number of bills counterfeited to imitate the continental bills of credit;

*Resolved*, That a committee of six be appointed to consider of this matter, and report thereon to Congress.

The members chosen, Mr. W. Livingston, Mr. McKean, Mr. Sherman, Mr. J. Adams, Mr. Braxton, and Mr. Duane.

Adjourned to ten o'clock on Thursday.

THURSDAY, May 2, 1776.

Sundry letters being received were laid before Congress and read, viz. One of the 22d of April from the committee of secrecy,

crefy, war, and intelligence of North-Carolina, with a list of prisoners sent to Philadelphia.

One of the 30th of April from general Washington, inclosing a memorial from governor Cooke. And

One of the 29th of the same month from the committee of safety of New-York.

*Ordered*, That the letter from general Washington with the memorial inclosed, be referred to the committee appointed to take into consideration the state of the eastern colonies.

*Resolved*, That a letter be written to general Schuyler, desiring him, in case major Douglass declines to take the command of the vessels on the lakes, to appoint captain Wyncoop to that command, and inform Congress thereof by the first opportunity.

*Resolved*, That an order for 20,000 dollars be drawn on the treasurers in favour of James Mease commissary, for the use of the Pennsylvania battalions, he to be accountable.

A letter of the 11th from Henry Fisher of Lewis-town, directed to the committee of safety of Pennsylvania, was laid before Congress and read, whereupon

*Resolved*, That the commanding officer of the Delaware battalion, be directed to station thirty-five men with an officer at the false cape till farther orders.

*Resolved*, That the secret committee be directed to send 200 lb. of powder, and 200 lb. of lead to Lewis-town for the use of the companies stationed there.

The committee of claims reported that there is due,

To Dr. William Curry for account of medicine and attendance for the fourth Pennsylvania battalion, the sum of 58.3 dollars.

*Ordered*, that the said account be paid.

The committee, to whom were referred the papers laid before Congress by the delegate from North-Carolina, brought in their report, which was read.

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

Congress resumed the consideration of the report of the committee on general Washington's letter of the 24th of March last, and after debate,

*Resolved*, That it be recommitted; and as the members of the former committee are absent, that a new committee be appointed.

The members chosen Mr. Dickinson, Mr. W. Livingston, and Mr. W. Rutledge.

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to that branch of the council of safety of Delaware government residing in Kent county to furnish the commanding officer of the Delaware battalion, with as many of the public arms of that county as may be sufficient for arming the companies of the said battalion stationed at Lewis-town to be used by them, till otherwise ordered by the said branch of the council of safety.

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The several matters to this day referred being postponed.  
Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, May 3, 1776.

The committee of claims reported that there is due,  
To David Williams for waggon hire the sum of 112 dollars.

*Ordered*, That the said account be paid.

*Resolved*, That the secret committee be directed to send two hundred pounds of Peruvian bark to the commanding officer in Virginia for the use of the continental forces in the southern department.

A petition from Peter Simon was presented to Congress and read.

*Ordered*, That it be referred to a committee of three.

The members chosen Mr. M<sup>r</sup>. Kean, Mr. Wythe, and Mr. J. Adams.

*Resolved*, That the secret committee be directed to sell to Hendrick Vanbrune and Thomas Littel 300 lb. of powder for the use of the inhabitants of the township of Shrewsbury to enable them to defend their sea coast.

Congress took into consideration the report of the committee on the letter from brigadier lord Stirling dated the 18th of March last, which was agreed to, whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the appointment of lieutenant-colonel Ogden of the first battalion of New-Jersey was made upon good grounds, the Congress having reserved and frequently exercised the right of promoting men of distinguished merit:

That the commissary Mr. Lowry be directed to supply such of the soldiers of the said battalion, as desire it, with uniforms, the cost to be deducted from their pay:

That as the army is now removed from Cambridge to New-York, the consideration of raising a regiment of artillery for the service in that city, as applied for in the said letter, be postponed till further advice may be received from general Washington, or the commanding officer there.

A petition from captain Oswald Eve was presented to Congress and read.

*Resolved*, That it be referred to a committee of three.

The members chosen Mr. Sherman, Mr. Floyd, and Mr. Sergeant.

*Resolved*, That an order for 20,000 dollars be drawn on the treasurers in favour of colonel John Haslet for the use of the Delaware battalion under his command, he to be accountable.

*Resolved*, That the secret committee be directed to send 300 lb. of powder and a proportionable quantity of lead to Lewis-town, for the use of the troops stationed there.

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The committee, to whom the report on general Washington's letter of the 24th of March last was recommitted, brought in their report, which was read.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The several matters to this day referred being postponed.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

SATURDAY, May 4, 1776.

The committee of claims reported that there is due,

To Dr. David Cowell the sum of 97.4 dollars.

*Ordered*, That the said account be paid.

A letter of the 3d from colonel Hand of the rifle battalion was read; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That an order for 4000 dollars be drawn on the treasurers in favour of colonel Hand for the use of his battalion, he to be accountable.

That the letter from colonel Hand be referred to a committee of three.

The members chosen Mr. Read, Mr. Sergeant, and Mr. Huntington.

The Congress taking into consideration the letter of the 29th of April, from the committee of safety of New-York, thereupon,

*Resolved*, That a major be appointed for the first New-York battalion in the room of major Benedict, who has resigned:

The ballots being taken and examined,

Barnabas Tuthill, Esq; was elected.

Sundry letters just received were laid before Congress and read, viz. One of the 10th of April from brigadier general Wooster, at Holland-House before Quebec.

One of the 28th of said month from general Schuyler, dated fort George, inclosing the examination of Michael Ryan.

One of the 27th of the same month from governor Trumbull, inclosing a letter from N. Shaw, jun. with a list of the cannon left at New London.

*Ordered*, That the marine committee lay on the table on Monday next the instructions given by the naval committee to commodore Hopkins upon his leaving this port.

Congress resumed the consideration of the report on general Washington's letter of the 24th of March, whereupon

*Resolved*, That all the cannon and other stores in Boston, which were originally purchased and provided by and at the expence of the colonies of Massachusetts Bay and New Hampshire be considered as belonging to the colony, that so purchased and provided them; and that all the other cannon left in the colony of Massachusetts Bay by the British forces be presented to the said colony.

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The farther consideration of the report, at the request of a colony was postponed till Monday next.

Congress then took into consideration the report of the committee on general Washington's letter of 4th of April, whereupon

*Resolved*, That the pay of the officers and soldiers of the militia lately called to Cambridge commence on the day of their march, and cease on that of their return.

*Resolved*, That the farther consideration of the report be postponed.

Adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday.

MONDAY, May 6, 1776.

Advice being received that captain Young, who was fitted out at the expence of the continent by Mr. Lewis and Mr. Alsop, was arrived;

*Resolved*, That the secret committee be directed to give proper orders for landing, securing and bring to Philadelphia the cargo imported by captain Young.

A memorial of captain Herman Allen was presented to Congress and read,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee of claims.

Congress resumed the consideration of the report on general Washington's letter of the 24th of March, and thereupon came to the following resolution.:

Whereas general Washington has requested directions concerning the conduct that should be observed towards commissioners, said to be coming from Great Britain to America,

*Resolved*, That General Washington be informed that Congress suppose, if commissioners are intended to be sent from Great Britain to treat of peace, that the practice usual in such cases will be observed by making previous application for the necessary passports or safe conduct, and on such application being made, Congress will then direct the proper measures for the reception of such commissioners.

The committee appointed to bring in a resolution, whereby persons resident or having property in America, who assist any of the enemies of these United Colonies in the captures of vessels or goods, may be made liable to make good the damage to the sufferers, brought in a report, which was read.

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

A letter of the 24th of April from general Lee was read.

Congress then resolved itself into a committee of the whole, to take into their consideration the state of the United Colonies, and after some time spent thereon, the president resumed the chair, and Mr. Harrison reported that the committee had taken into consideration the matter to them referred, and had thereupon come to  
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sanitary regulations, which he was ordered to report when the house should be ready to receive them.

*Ordered*, That the report be now delivered in.

The report of the committee of the whole being read, was agreed to, as follows:

*Resolved*, That ten millions of dollars be raised for the purpose of carrying on the war for the current year:

That the Indian goods sent to be at fort Pitt, be purchased for the use of the United Colonies:

That Indian goods to the value of ten thousand dollars be purchased in Montreal, for the use of the United Colonies:

That treaties be held with the Indians in the different departments, as soon as practicable, and that the sum of ten thousand dollars be paid out of the treasury to the commissioners of each respective department, for presents to the Indians and the expenses of such treaties.

Mr. Harrison further reported that the committee desired him to move for leave to sit again: whereupon,

*Resolved*, That Congress will to-morrow resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the state of America.

*Resolved*, That a committee of seven be appointed to devise ways and means for raising the ten millions of dollars:

The members chosen, Mr. Dunst, Mr. R. Morris, Mr. Rutledge, Mr. Gerry, Mr. Sherman, Mr. R. H. Lee, and Mr. Hewes.

*Resolved*, That the convention or council of safety of Virginia be empowered to appoint surgeons to the battalions raised in the said colony for the service of the continent.

*Resolved*, That John Taylor be appointed judge advocate to the continental troops in the colony of Virginia.

*Adjourned* to ten o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, May 7. 1776.

Sanitary letters being received, were laid before Congress and read, viz.

One of the 5th of April from general Washington.

One of the 14th from John G. Frazer, including a list of the vessels, cannon, and ordnance-stores left by the enemy at Boston.

One from sanitary prisoners at Hartford, in Connecticut, dated 2d March.

One from L. F. of St. Eustatia, dated 5th of April.

*Resolved*, That the said letters be referred to a committee of three:

The members chosen, Mr. S. Adams, Mr. Beaton, and Mr. Dimes.

A petition from John Bayard, P. Moore, and John Patton, was presented to Congress and read; Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the lower committee be directed to sell to the petitioners

petitioners six hundred lb. of powder for the use of the privates they are sitting out.

*Resolved*, That one hundred dollars be paid by the treasurers to M. Giffon, a Canadian prisoner, upon his giving a bill upon his friend at Montreal for the like sum, payable on demand.

Congress took into consideration the report of the committee on the papers laid before Congress by the delegates of North-Carolina: Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That another battalion raised in North-Carolina, in addition to the five battalions already ordered for the defence of that colony, be taken into the pay and service of the United Colonies:

That a deputy quarter master general be appointed for the southern department, to be employed in North-Carolina:

That the secret committee be directed to procure and forward twelve field-pieces for the use of the troops in North-Carolina:

That the secret committee be directed to forward three tons of gun-powder for the defence of the said colony:

That the committee on qualifications be directed to purchase and forward to North-Carolina, a chest of medicines and instruments, equal in value to one of those furnished for the Pennsylvania battalions, for each of the six battalions raised in the colony of North-Carolina.

Congress proceeded to the election of a deputy quarter master general for the southern department, and the ballots being taken, Nicholas Long, Esq; was elected.

*Resolved*, That Nicholas Long, Esq; have the rank of a colonel in the continental army.

The convention of North-Carolina having recommended sundry gentlemen for field officers of the six battalions raised in that colony, Congress proceeded to a choice, and the following gentlemen were elected:

Francis Nash, Esq; colonel.	} of the 1st battalion.
Thomas Clarke, Esq; lieutenant colonel.	
William Davis, Esq; major.	
Alexander Martin, Esq; colonel.	} of the 2d battalion.
John Patton, Esq; lieutenant colonel	
John White, Esq; major	
Jethro Sumner, Esq; colonel	} of the 3d battalion.
William Alston, Esq; lieutenant colonel	
Samuel Lockart, Esq; major	
Thomas Polk, Esq; colonel	} of the 4th battalion.
James Shackiton, Esq; lieutenant colonel	
William Davidson, Esq; major	
Edward Bancombe, Esq; colonel	} of the 5th battalion.
Henry Irwin, Esq; lieutenant colonel	
Levi Dawson, Esq; major	

Alexander Lillington, Esq; colonel  
 William Taylor; Esq; lieutenant colonel } of the 6th battalion.  
 Gideon Lamb, Esq; major

*Ordered*, That the letter received yesterday from general Lee, be referred to the committee, to whom were referred the letters received this morning.

*Resolved*, That the committee appointed to purchase stockings for the troops in Canada, be directed to apply to the general assemblies of Massachusetts Bay and Connecticut, and request them to assist in procuring the said stockings.

Congress took into consideration the memorial from the committee of safety of Pennsylvania, whereupon

*Resolved*, That twenty of the heaviest cannon taken by commodore Hopkins at New Providence, and brought from thence to New London, and since carried to Newport, be brought to the city of Philadelphia, and delivered to the committee of safety of Pennsylvania for the defence and protection of the said city, to remain there during the pleasure of Congress.

William Peachy, Esq; colonel of the fifth Virginia battalion having resigned, Congress proceeded to elect a gentleman to supply his place; and the ballots being taken,

Charles Scott, Esq; was elected: and

Alexander Spotswood was elected lieutenant colonel of the second battalion in the room of colonel Scott.

*Resolved*, That such of the iron cannon, as were brought from Ticonderoga to Boston, and have not been removed by general Washington, be lent for the defence of the town and harbour of Boston, to remain there during the pleasure of Congress.

The several matters to this day referred being postponed,

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, May 8, 1776.

The committee of claims reported that there is due,

To William Brady for thirty days waggonage in conveying captain Stevensons baggage from Virginia to Roxbury, the sum of 60 dollars; and that the same ought to be paid to Daniel M<sup>r</sup>Pherson:

To James M<sup>r</sup>Donnel for waggonage in conveying baggage belonging to captain Talbot's company of the sixth Pennsylvania battalion to New-York, the sum of 117.9 dollars:

*Ordered*, That the said accounts be paid.

A letter of the 5th from general Washington, one of the 4th from William Palfrey pay master general, and one of the 2d from captain Delaplace, a prisoner, were laid before Congress and read.

*Ordered*, That they be referred to a committee of five.

The members chosen Mr. S. Adams, Mr. Wythe, Mr. Rodney, Mr. R. H. Lee, and Mr. Whipple.

A petition



A petition from captain Gideon Warren, and a letter from Joseph Woodward, chairman of the committee of New Hampshire grants, were presented to Congress and read.

*Ordered*, That they be referred to a committee of five, who are directed to hear the persons mentioned in the said letter, and report thereon to Congress:

The members chosen Mr. Rodney, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Hewes, Mr. Lynch, and Mr. Alexander.

The instructions given by the naval committee to commodore Hopkins being laid before Congress and read;

*Ordered*, That they be referred to a committee of seven, and that it be an instruction to the said committee to inquire how far commodore Hopkins has complied with the said instructions, and if upon inquiry they shall find that he has departed therefrom, to examine into the occasion thereof; also to inquire into the situation of the governor and lieutenant governor of Providence and the other officer brought from thence, and report what in their opinion is proper to be done with them:

That the said committee have power to send for witnesses and papers:

The members chosen Mr. Harrison, Mr. J. Adams, Mr. M'Kean, Mr. Duane, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Sherman, and Mr. W. Livingston.

Information being given to Congress that Kirkland a prisoner has broken goal and made his escape:

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to devise ways and means to have him retaken:

The members chosen Mr. M'Kean, Mr. Lynch, and Mr. Gerry.

*Resolved*, That whenever it shall appear to this Congress that any officer or officers bearing continental commissions shall have departed from orders, an enquiry shall be made.

*Resolved*, That the secret committee be directed to sell to Aaron Bidle and John Helm, 75 lb of powder for the use of the inhabitants of Upper Pennsneck in New-Jersey.

Agreeable to the order of the day Congress resolved itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the state of the colonies; and after some time spent thereon, the president resumed the chair, and Mr. Harrison reported, that the committee have had under consideration the matter to them referred, but not having come to any resolutions thereon, desired him to move for leave to sit again.

*Resolved*, That Congress will to-morrow resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the state of these colonies.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, May 9, 1776.

A letter from Ab. Livingston, offering to resign the contract made with the convention of New-York, for supplying the troops in that colony with provisions; also a letter of the 8th from colonel James Easton were laid before Congress and read :

*Ordered*, That they be referred to a committee of three :

The members chosen Mr. M<sup>c</sup>Kean, Mr. S. Adams, and Mr. Wythe.

Application being made for a safe conduct for Mrs. Bellew, wife of captain Bellew of the Liverpool, to pass through the country to her relations in Marblehead ;

*Ordered*, That it be referred for consideration to Mr. R. H. Lee, and Mr. R. Morris.

The committee of claims report that there is due,

To William Bedford, for cartouch straps, the sum of 193.3 dollars :

To colonel Jos. Reed, for camp equipage &c. procured for general Washington, the sum of 434.2 dollars :

*Ordered*, That the said accounts be paid.

The said committee having reported on the petition and accounts of captain Herman Allen, which were referred to them ;

*Resolved*, That the said petition and accounts be referred to the committee on the treasury.

The committee on prisoners to whom the letter from Henry Beaumont of the 26th regiment of the king of Great Britain was referred, brought in a report, which was taken into consideration, whereupon

*Resolved*, That the said Henry Beaumont be permitted to reside with his wife and family at Elizabeth-town, in the colony of New-Jersey, he giving to the committee of inspection and observation of the said burrough his parole in the form prescribed by Congress.

The committee appointed to devise ways and means for raising ten millions of dollars for the service of the current year, brought in their report, which was read and considered, whereupon

*Resolved*, That five millions of dollars be emitted in bills of credit in part of the ten millions voted for the service of the current year :

That the thirteen United Colonies be pledged for the redemption of the said five millions of dollars, at such periods and in such manner and proportions as Congress shall hereafter direct and appoint.

*Resolved*, That it be referred to the superintendants of the treasury, to consider of and report a plan for carrying into effect the before mentioned resolution, for emitting five millions of dollars in bills of credit towards the service of the current year.

The committee having informed Congress that they have not had time to compleat their report :

*Resolved*, That they have leave to sit again.

Captain

Captain Budden having been taken by the Liverpool man of war and permitted on his parole to come to Philadelphia, in order to procure a prisoner to be given in exchange for him;

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to consider the propriety of exchanging seamen :

The members chosen Mr. R. Morris, Mr. Hewes, and Mr. Huntington.

Agreeable to the order of the day, Congress resolved itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the state of the United Colonies; and after some time spent thereon, the president resumed the chair, and Mr. Harrison reported, that the committee have had under consideration the matter referred to them, and have come to a resolution thereon, which he read and delivered in.

The resolution of the committee of the whole was again read, and the determination thereof, at the request of a colony, was postponed till to-morrow.

The committee, to whom the application in favour of Mrs. Bellew was referred, brought in a report which was taken into consideration, whereupon

*Resolved*, That a passport be granted to Mrs. Bellew to come to the city of Philadelphia, under escort of a continental officer, and that she may reside safely and unmolested in the said city, until her friends in New-England come to escort her to Marblehead, when a safe conduct shall also be granted to her for that journey, and for her residence there during her pleasure.

The several matters to this day referred being postponed ;

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

#### FRIDAY, May 10, 1776.

A letter of the 7th from general Washington, and one of the 3d from Thomas Cushing, were laid before Congress and read :

*Ordered*, That they be referred to the committee on the state of the eastern colonies.

A letter from Mons. Docaifor was read :

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the secret committee.

The committee to whom was referred the consideration of general Washington's letter of the 5th and the papers inclosed, brought in a report, which was taken into consideration, whereupon

*Resolved*, That a copy of the resolutions passed the first day of April last, establishing the mode of settling the public accounts be transmitted to the general :

That the resolution of Congress passed the 17th of January last, allowing one dollar and one third of a dollar to the officers, in lieu of expences for inlitting each foldier, being a general regulation, extends to the troops raised in the eastern department; and that the general be directed to make that allowance for all the troops inlitted since the time of passing the said resolution :

That,

That, as the road recommended by general Washington to be opened between the town of Newbury on Connecticut river and the province of Canada, will facilitate the march and return of the troops employed in that quarter, and promote the public service, the general be directed to prosecute the plan he has formed, respecting the said road :

That ten tons of gun powder be sent to New-York :

That 400,000 dollars be sent to the paymaster general for the use of the army in New-York and the Massachusetts Bay :

That the commanding officers in the different departments and posts, shall make monthly returns to the commander in chief of the continental army, of the number and state of the troops, and the military stores in their respective departments :

That this Congress has hitherto exercised, and ought to retain the power of promoting the officers in the continental service according to their merit ; and that no promotion or succession shall take place upon any vacancy, without the authority of a continental commission.

Congress resumed the consideration of the resolution reported from the committee of the whole, and the same was agreed to, as follows :

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the respective assemblies and conventions of the United Colonies, where no government sufficient to the exigencies of their affairs hath been hitherto established, to adopt such government as shall in the opinion of the representatives of the people best conduce to the happiness and safety of their constituents in particular, and America in general.

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to prepare a preamble to the foregoing resolution.

The members chosen Mr. J. Adams, Mr. Rutledge, and Mr. R. H. Lee.

*Resolved*, That the secret committee be directed to sell to colonel David Potter, and captain Daniel Maskell, 200 lb. of powder, and 1000 lb. of lead, for the use of the inhabitants of Bridgetown, Cumberland county in New-Jersey.

The committee to whom were referred the letter from general Washington of the 25th and 26th of April, the case of Alexander Ross, and the letter from general Lee, brought in a report which was read.

The committee appointed to take into consideration the state of the eastern colonies, brought in a report which was read.

Congress resolved itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the state of the United Colonies ; and after some time spent thereon, the president resumed the chair, and Mr. Harrison reported that the committee have had under consideration the matter referred to them, but not having had time to finish their inquiries, desired him to move for leave to sit again.

*Resolved*,



*Resolved*, That Congress will on Monday next resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the state of the United Colonies.

*Resolved*, That the committee of secret correspondence be directed to lay their proceedings before Congress on Monday next, withholding the names of the persons they have employed, or with whom they have corresponded.

The committee appointed to consider the propriety of exchanging seamen, brought in a report, which was taken into consideration, whereupon

*Resolved*, That lieutenant Ball of the Roebuck, and the three seamen that were taken with him, and are now prisoners in the lower counties on Delaware, be exchanged for captain Budden and his son, Seth Davis, and Samuel Conyers :

That six of the seamen now prisoners in Philadelphia to be named by the committee of safety of Pennsylvania, may be given in exchange for the following persons, viz. Mr. Lightbody, James Hage, ——— Fortescue, a pilot boy; William Martin, Jacob Wilson, and John Durry :

That the said exchange of prisoners be conducted by such proper persons as the committee of safety of Pennsylvania may appoint for that purpose.

The committee to whom was referred the letter from Ab. Livingston, offering to cancel the contract he had made with a committee of the convention of New-York, for supplying the forces in that colony with provisions, brought in their report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon

*Resolved*, That Mr. Ab. Livingston in voluntarily resigning a contract which might have been so profitable to him, has exhibited an example of public spirit, and Congress accept the resignation of his contract.

*Resolved*, That the committee appointed to devise ways and means for retaking Moses Kirkland, be empowered to send an express to the southward, and desire the committees or councils of safety of the southern colonies, to use their utmost endeavours to have him apprehended, and that they offer a reward of one hundred dollars in addition to the hundred already offered for apprehending and securing the said Moses Kirkland.

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the council of safety of Pennsylvania, to examine into the conduct of the goaler, who had the charge and custody of Moses Kirkland, and if they find him culpable, that they have him removed.

*Resolved*, That George Morgan, Esq; agent under the commissioners for indian affairs in the middle department, be directed to purchase the indian goods said to be at Pittsburg for the use of the United Colonies.

Congress took into consideration the report of the committee on the case of Alexander Ross, whereupon

*Resolved*,

*Resolved*, That the said Alexander Ross be discharged from confinement. -

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

SATURDAY, May 11, 1776.

A petition from John Jacobs in behalf of himself and others, was presented to Congress and read :

*Ordered*, That it be referred to a committee of three :

The members chosen Mr. J. Adams, Mr. Lee, and Mr. Rutledge.

Congress took into consideration the report of the committee on the state of the eastern colonies, whereupon

*Resolved*, That the two battalions, directed by the assembly of Rhode Island to be raised, be taken into continental pay; the battalion ordered to be raised in November last, from the time they were armed, clothed and fit for duty, and the one since ordered to be raised from the present time, provided they be armed, clothed and fit for service, and that if they be not so armed and appointed, they be taken into continental pay as soon as they shall be armed and mustered :

*Resolved*, That the remainder of the report be referred to a committee of the whole Congress.

*Resolved*, That the standing committee for indian affairs be directed to take measures for carrying into execution the resolution of the 6th, for holding a treaty with the Indians in the different departments as soon as practicable.

That the 20th of July be fixed on for holding a treaty at Pittsburg with the indians in the middle department ; and that the standing committee be directed to inform the agent, and desire him to notify the indians, and invite them to attend at the time and place mentioned ; and also that the said committee inform the commissioners and desire them to attend.

*Resolved*, That John Harvey be appointed a commissioner for indian affairs in the middle department.

Certain resolutions of the board of officers in Philadelphia, and a petition from the committee of privates of the military association of the city and liberties of Philadelphia, were presented to Congress and read.

*Ordered*, That they be referred to a committee of the whole Congress.

A memorial from Caunier de la Berthaudure was presented to Congress and read :

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

*Resolved*, That two sets of trepanning instruments be sent to Virginia for the use of the surgeons of the continental troops there ; and that two sets of trepanning instruments, and 100 lb. of Peruvian bark be sent to North-Carolina, for the use of the continental troops in that colony.

Congress

Congress resolved itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the report of the committee on the state of the colonies in the eastern department, and the resolves of the officers, and petition of the committee of privates of the military association of the city and liberties of Philadelphia, and after some time spent thereon, the president resumed the chair, and Mr. Harrison reported, that the committee had taken into consideration the matters to them referred, and had come to a resolution thereupon, but not having time to finish, desired him to move for leave to sit again.

The resolution reported from the committee of the whole Congress being read :

*Resolved*, That the farther consideration thereof be postponed to Monday next.

*Resolved*, That Congress will on Monday next resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the report of the committee on the state of the colonies in the eastern department, and the resolves of the officers, and petition of the privates of the military association of the city and liberties of Philadelphia.

*Resolved*, That the secret committee be directed to send 500 lb. of powder to the committee of safety of Delaware government, for the use of their militia.

The committee of claims reported that there is due,

On account rendered by the committee for the upper district of Frederick county in Virginia, of the expences incurred by captain John Nelson's company of rifle men, the sum of 1415.4 dollars, and that the same ought to be paid to Michael Fackler, and that the said company ought to be charged with the sum of 1016 dollars, the amount of rifles and goods, &c. furnished for their use, the remainder being for provisions and waggonage to be charged to the continent :

To Andrew McNair for attendance and for candles, &c. the sum of 181.9 dollars in full of his account to the 30th of April last:

To Robert Erwin, waggon master for five teams that went to Canada, a ballance of 699.6 dollars :

To Walter Drummond, for nursing several persons belonging to captain Benezets company, the sum of 27 dollars:

To George London, for 34 days waggonage for the 6th battalion, the sum of 117.5 dollars :

*Ordered*, That the said accounts be paid.

Adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday.

MONDAY, May 13, 1776.

A letter of the 9th from general Washington was laid before Congress and read :

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on qualifications.

Sundry petitions were presented to Congress and read, viz. One from Dr. Benjamin Church, and one from Benjamin, Samuel, and

Edward Church, with a certificate from three physicians respecting the health of Dr. B. Church; also one from John Connolly and John Smith, accompanied with a letter from Dr. Cadwallader:

*Ordered*, That they be referred to the committee on prisoners.

A letter of the 3d from George Morgan at Pittsburg was read:

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the standing committee on indian affairs.

*Resolved*, That Mrs. Connolly have leave to visit her husband in goal.

Agreeable to order, the committee of secret correspondence laid before Congress a copy of their proceedings.

The committee appointed to prepare a preamble to the resolution of Congress passed the 10th, brought in a draught which was read:

*Ordered*, That the consideration thereof be postponed till to-morrow.

A letter of the 4th from Edmund Pendleton, president of the committee of safety of Virginia, was laid before Congress and read.

The committee of claims reported that there is due,

To A. C. Hanson, for the expences of two gentlemen, a private soldier, and a servant, on an expedition to New York, the sum of 76.4 dollars:

To Rachel Stille, for boarding prisoners now in Trenton, and including captain Chafe's bill of 8.5 dollars, and a bill of waggonage, the sum of 290.9 dollars:

To Robert Erwin, waggon master, for waggonage of powder from Egg harbour to Philadelphia, the sum of 247 dollars:

To Frederick Bicking, for paper for the continental bills of credit, the sum of 1109.3 dollars:

To Gunning Bedford, deputy muster master general, for his pay and expences to the 17th April last, the sum of 455.6 dollars:

*Ordered*, That the said accounts be paid.

Congress resumed the consideration of the resolution reported from the committee of the whole, and after debate, the determination thereof, at the request of a colony, was postponed till to-morrow.

The several matters to this day referred being postponed.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, May 14, 1776.

A letter of the 11th from general Washington inclosing sundry papers; a letter of the 3d from general Schuyler; and a letter of the 9th from Daniel Robertson, were laid before Congress and read:

*Resolved*, That they be referred to a committee of three.

The members chosen Mr. W. Livingston, Mr. Jefferson, and Mr. J. Adams. The



The committee to whom the petition of Dr. Benjamin Church, now confined in goal in Norwich, in the colony of Connecticut, and a petition from Benjamin, Samuel, and Edward Church, together with a certificate from physicians respecting the dangerous state of the aforesaid Dr. Church, were referred, brought in their report which was read and agreed to: whereupon,

*Resolved*, That Dr. Benjamin Church be sent to the colony of Massachusetts Bay, and that the council of the said colony be requested to take a recognizance from him with two good sureties in such penalty as they shall think sufficient, not being less than one thousand pounds lawful money, for his appearance before such court as shall be erected for his trial, and at such time and place as such court shall direct, and to abide the judgment of the same; and that they be farther requested to take his parole not to hold any correspondence with the enemies of the United Colonies, or at any time to depart out of the said colony without their license; and that upon the performance thereof, the said Dr. Benjamin Church be set at liberty.

The assembly of Rhode Island having appointed two delegates to represent that colony in Congress, the credentials of their appointment were laid before Congress and read, as follows:

(Seal) "The governor and company of the English colony of Rhode Island and Providence plantations in general assembly convened, To Stephen Hopkins and William Ellery, Esqrs; greeting: Whereas this assembly reposing special trust and confidence in your abilities and integrity, have appointed you the said Stephen Hopkins and William Ellery, delegates; to represent this colony in General Congress, you are therefore hereby impowered to join with the delegates of the other United Colonies in Congress at Philadelphia, as soon as conveniently may be, or at such time and place as shall be agreed upon by the major part of the delegates from the said colonies. You are also authorized and impowered to consult and advise with the delegates of the said colonies in Congress, upon the most proper measures for promoting and confirming the strictest union and confederation between the said United Colonies, for exerting their whole strength and force to annoy the common enemy, and to secure the said colonies, their rights and liberties both civil and religious, whether by entering into treaties with any prince, state, or potentate, or by such other prudent and effectual ways and means as shall be devised and agreed on; and in conjunction with the delegates from the said United Colonies, or the major part of them, to enter into and adopt all such measures, taking the greatest care to secure to this colony in the strongest and most perfect manner its present established form, and all the powers of government so far as relates to its internal police and conduct of our own affairs civil and religious. You are also instructed

fructed and directed to exert your utmost abilities in carrying on this just and necessary war, in which we are engaged against cruel and unnatural enemies, in the most vigorous manner, until peace shall be restored to the said colonies, and their rights and liberties secured upon a solid and permanent basis. You are also impowered to join with the major part of the delegates of the said United Colonies, in adjourning from time to time, and to such place or places as shall be thought proper for and during one year. And as it may happen that from sickness or other necessary causes one of you may be absent from Congress, in all such cases, the other is hereby as fully impowered to represent the colony, as though both were present and agreed in sentiment. May 4, 1776.

In behalf of the general assembly I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the seal of the colony to be affixed, the sixth day of May, in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-six.

NICHOLAS COOKE, GOVERNOR."

By his honours command,

HENRY WARD, Secretary.

The committee to whom the letter from general Washington of the 5th, and the letter from captain Delaplace of the 2d, &c. were referred, brought in their report, which was taken into consideration: whereupon,

*Resolved*, That as a number of arms fit for use may be bought of the owners, who may incline to sell them, general Washington be desired to employ such an agent as he hath proposed to go into any of the colonies for that purpose:

That a copy of the letter from captain Delaplace be sent to major general Schuyler, and that he be desired to inquire how the things, therein mentioned to have been left by captain Delaplace, were disposed of, and what was the value thereof, and report the matter as it shall appear to him, to Congress:

That the case of captain Delaplace is not distinguishable from that of other prisoners of war, who are obliged to refund the expences of their maintenance.

*Resolved*, That the secret committee be directed to deliver to colonel Jacob Ford, jun. three tons of salt-petre, to be by him manufactured into gunpowder for the use of the United Colonies, on the same terms as others have agreed to manufacture it:

That the said committee be directed to sell to Joseph Ellis, 400 lb. of powder, and a quantity of iron ball, sufficient for 900 lb. of powder, for the defence of the colony of New-Jersey:

That the said committee be directed to deliver to colonel Bird, 200 lb. of powder, to prove the cannon he is making for the United Colonies.

*Resolved*, That the committee appointed to contract for the making of cannon, be directed to employ proper persons to attend and see the cannon proved:

That

That an order for 2000 dollars be drawn on the treasurers in favour of the cannon committee; they to be accountable.

Congress then resumed the consideration of the report from the committee of the whole: whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the five battalions now in Massachusetts Bay be recruited to their full compliments, and that three additional battalions be raised in the eastern department for the service of the continent, the recruits to be taken into continental pay, so soon as they shall be armed and mustered.

A letter of the 7th from general Lee, with sundry papers inclosed, was laid before Congress and read:

*Resolved*, That it be referred to the committee appointed to take into consideration a former letter of general Lee.

Martin Strobach, lieutenant of marines, on board the Hornet, sloop, finding the service by sea to disagree with him, and apprehending he can be of more use in the land service, begs permission to be discharged from the present service he is engaged in, that he may apply for a lieutenancy in the Pennsylvania artillery company, where there is a vacancy, which he is encouraged to make application for:

*Resolved*, That leave be granted to discharge him.

Agreeable to order, Congress resolved itself into a committee of the whole, to take into their farther consideration the report of the committee on the eastern department, &c. and after some time spent thereon, the president resumed the chair, and Mr. Harrison reported, that the committee have had under their farther consideration the matters referred to them, and have come to sundry resolutions, but that not having yet finished, they desired him to move for leave to sit again.

The resolutions reported from the committee of the whole Congress being read, were agreed to as follows:

*Resolved*, That an additional major general and brigadier general be appointed in the continental army:

That general Washington be directed to order a major general forthwith to take the command in the eastern department, and also that he order a brigadier general on that service.

*Resolved*, That the election of the major general and brigadier general be postponed till to-morrow.

*Resolved*, That this Congress will to-morrow again resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the resolves of the officers, and petition of the committee of privates of the military association of the city and liberties of Philadelphia.

Congress took into consideration the report of the committee to whom the letter from the committee of safety of New Hampshire and other papers from that colony were referred: and thereupon,

*Resolved*, That one battalion be raised in New Hampshire for the service of the United Colonies, and paid and subsisted on the same terms

terms as the continental troops in the eastern department, the said battalion to be taken into continental pay, so soon as they shall be armed and mustered.

*Resolved*, That the secret committee be directed to send to general Washington the muskets that are at Newport.

The several matters to this day referred being postponed.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, May 15, 1776.

*Resolved*, That the committee of safety of Pennsylvania be desired to write to the committee of safety of Delaware government to suspend the execution of the resolve of Congress, for exchanging lieutenant Ball for captain Budden, till farther orders.

Congress took into consideration the draught of the preamble brought in by the committee, which was agreed to as follows :

Whereas his Britannic majesty in conjunction with the lords and commons of Great Britain has, by a late act of parliament, excluded the inhabitants of these United Colonies from the protection of his crown ; and whereas no answer whatever to the humble petitions of the colonies for redress of grievances and reconciliation with Great Britain has been or is likely to be given, but the whole force of that kingdom aided by foreign mercenaries is to be exerted for the destruction of the good people of these colonies ; and whereas it appears absolutely irreconcilable to reason and good conscience for the people of these colonies now to take the oaths and affirmations necessary for the support of any government under the crown of Great Britain, and it is necessary that the exercise of every kind of authority under the said crown should be totally suppressed, and all the powers of government exerted under the authority of the people of the colonies, for the preservation of internal peace virtue and good order, as well as for the defence of their lives, liberties and properties against the hostile invasions and cruel depredations of their enemies, therefore resolved &c.

*Ordered*, That the said preamble with the resolution passed the 10th instant be published.

*Resolved*, That the secret committee be directed to sell to Edward Keasby, 100 lb. of powder, for the use of the inhabitants of Salem county in New-Jersey.

The several matters to this day referred being postponed.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, May 16, 1776.

The following letters were laid before Congress and read :

One of the 1st from the commissioners of Congress in Canada :

One of the 10th from major general Schuyler, and one without date from general Washington, inclosing a letter to him from Dr. Stringer.

*Resolved*,



*Resolved*, That the letter from Dr. Stringer to general Washington, be referred to the committee appointed to prepare medicine chests:

That the other letters be referred to Mr. W. Livingston, Mr. Jefferson, and Mr. J. Adams.

*Resolved*, That the president write to general Washington, requesting him to repair to Philadelphia as soon as he can conveniently, in order to consult with Congress upon such measures as may be necessary for the carrying on the ensuing campaign.

*Resolved*, That George Morgan, Esq; be impowered to draw for a sum not exceeding six thousand dollars to pay for the goods he is ordered to purchase, and for defraying incidental charges, the same to be paid out of the ten thousand dollars voted for the commissioners of Indian affairs in the middle department.

Whereas captain Richard Butler, by accepting the office of agent in the middle department of indians, has lost the opportunity of being appointed a captain in the continental service;

*Resolved*, That Congress will as soon as possible compensate for that disappointment to him, by some promotion in their service.

Congress then proceeded to the election of a major general and brigadier general in the continental army, and the ballots being taken and examined;

Horatio Gates, Esq; was elected major general, and

Thomas Mifflin, Esq; brigadier general.

*Resolved*, That Mr. Duane be added to the standing committee for indian affairs.

A petition from Joseph Carson and Joseph Donaldson was presented to Congress and read: Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the secret committee be directed to sell to the petitioners 50 lb. of powder.

*Resolved*, That two of the additional battalions ordered on the 14th to be raised in the eastern department, be raised one in Massachusetts Bay, and the other in Connecticut:

That it be recommended to the general assemblies of Massachusetts Bay and Connecticut, to endeavour to have the battalions enlisted for two years, unless sooner discharged by Congress; in which case the men to be allowed one months pay on their discharge; but if the men cannot be prevailed on to enlist for two years, that they be enlisted for one; and that they be ordered, as soon as raised and armed, to march immediately to Boston.

The committee to whom the letters from general Washington of the 25th and 26th of April, and the case of Alexander Ross, and the letter from general Lee were referred, brought in their report, which was read.

The committee to whom the letter from general Washington of the 11th, and the letter from general Schuyler of the 3d, and that from captain Robertson of the 9th, with other papers were referred, brought in their report, which was read. The

The several matters to this day referred being postponed.  
Adjourned to ten o'clock on Saturday.

SATURDAY, May 18, 1776.

A letter of the 17th from general Washington, and three from the commissioners in Canada of the 6th, 8th and 10th, were laid before Congress and read.

*Resolved*, That the committee to whom the former letter from the commissioners was referred be augmented to the number of eight, and that these letters be referred to them :

The additional members chosen, Mr. R. Morris, Mr. Duane Mr. R. H. Lee, Mr. Rutledge, and Mr. R. R. Livingston.

The committee to whom was referred the consideration of general Lee's letters of the 19th April and 7th of May, brought in their report, which was agreed to : whereupon,

*Resolved*, That general Lee's scheme of sending through the colony of Virginia to purchase rifles, be and is approved :

That, as the colony of Virginia is intersected with many navigable rivers, six galleys be built for the protection of the troops in their transportation across the said rivers, at the continental expence, on as cheap terms as the business for which they are intended will admit of ; that such other defence of the rivers and bays, as shall be requisite for the colony be at the particular charge of the inhabitants thereof : And that general Lee or the commanding officer in Virginia transmit to Congress as early as possible an account of the expence which shall be incurred in consequence of this resolution :

That general Lee or the commanding officer in Virginia be directed to set on foot the raising of two companies of carpenters to consist of house and ship builders :

That general Lee be permitted to order rations and forrage for such volunteers of horse not exceeding 500 as shall think proper to attend the service of their country in the continental army, agreeable to general Lee's request and proposal:

That captain Dohicky Arundel's journey to Virginia be at his own, not continental expence :

That the pay of the deputy engineers be raised to 30 dollars a month, and that they be allowed rations for themselves and forrage for their horses, when in camp, or necessarily absent on continental duty :

That a continental hospital be established in Virginia, and a director to the same immediately appointed by Congress :

That the scheme of adding two subalterns and forty privates to the company of artillery be adopted :

That the circumstances of affairs in the middle and eastern department will not admit of Mr. Smith being sent to general Lee :

That Thomas Bullet, Esq; the deputy adjutant general in Virginia be advanced to the rank of colonel :

That

That from the uncertainty of the enemy's design and the number of regiments already sent into Canada, it will be inexpedient, at present, to order any of the troops raised in Pennsylvania or the colonies eastward thereof to the southern department, nor can Congress at present supply such troops as are raised in Virginia with fire arms; but that general Lee's application on this subject be attended to so soon as an importation sufficiently considerable will admit of his being supplied; and that he be assured Congress will co-operate and aid him with their power to render effectual his laudable endeavours to establish the rights and liberties of the good people of this continent.

The Congress then proceeded to the election of a director of the hospital in Virginia, and the ballots being taken,

William Rickman was elected.

*Resolved*, That the hospital in Virginia be on the same establishment, and the pay of the officers thereof the same, as the hospital established in the eastern department:

That two surgeons, one apothecary, six mates, one clerk, one storekeeper, and a nurse to every ten sick, with labourers occasionally when necessary be allowed to the hospital in Virginia:

That the director be empowered to nominate the surgeons and apothecary:

That the mates be appointed by the surgeons, and that the number of the mates be diminished as circumstances will admit, for which reason the pay is fixed by the day, that they may only receive pay for actual service.

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the convention of Virginia to raise a battalion of rifle men, on the same terms as the other battalions raised in that colony, to be taken into the pay of the continent, when armed and mustered.

*Resolved*, That general Washington be directed, if the service will permit, to station a battalion at Amboy.

A petition from Jos. Trumbull, commissary general, was presented to Congress and read:

*Resolved*, That it be referred to the committee for superintending the treasury.

The secret committee having informed Congress of the arrival of one of the vessels fitted out at the expence of the continent, and that she has brought her returns in cash:

*Resolved*, That the secret committee be directed to give orders for sending the said cash with all convenient dispatch to the commissioners in Canada:

That the hard money in the treasury be immediately forwarded to general Schuyler.

The secret committee laid before Congress a letter from Mr. Langdon, and the same being read:

*Resolved*, That it be referred to the committee of secret correspondence,

spondence, and that the said committee be directed to apply to the marine committee for the use of one or more of the continental fleet; and that they send the same to the French West India islands, in order to procure, if possible, a number of muskets not exceeding 10,000.

A petition from Ignace Labal was presented to Congress and read:

*Resolved*, That it be referred to the commissioners for indian affairs in the middle department, who are directed to examine his claim and pay him, out of the money put into their hands, what they shall judge justly due to him.

*Resolved*, That Mrs. Connolly be directed not to leave Philadelphia till farther orders of Congress.

The several matters to this day referred being postponed.

Adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday.

MONDAY, May 20, 1776.

Lyman Hall and Button Gwinnet, Esqrs; two of the delegates from Georgia attended and produced their credentials, which were read as follows:

"In Congress, Savannah, February 2, 1776, *Resolved*, That five persons be elected to represent this province in the Continental Congress, for the term of nine months. *Resolved*, That it be recommended, that three of the delegates do proceed with all possible dispatch to Philadelphia, and that they be a *quorum*; provided nevertheless, that in case three shall not attend by sickness or otherwise, one or more of the delegates being present, shall be competent to represent this province, notwithstanding. The Congress proceeded to ballot for the election of delegates, when, on closing the poll, it appeared that Archibald Bullock, John Houstoun, Lyman Hall, Button Gwinnet, and George Walton, Esqrs; were duly elected, and were accordingly declared as fit persons to represent this province in the Grand Continental Congress.

*A true Copy.*

EDWARD LANGWORTHY, Secretary."

A letter of the 10th from major general Lee at Williamsburg, with three papers inclosed, was laid before Congress and read:

*Resolved*, That the same be referred to a committee of five:

The members chosen Mr. R. H. Lee, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Middleton, Mr. Paine, and Mr. Woolcot.

Certain resolutions of the convention of South-Carolina, respecting the battalions raised in that colony; also certain resolutions passed by the general assembly of the said colony, respecting the manner in which commissioners coming from England are to be received and treated in that colony, were laid before Congress and read.

*Resolved*, That the resolutions respecting the battalions, be referred to a committee of five:

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The members chosen Mr. John Adams, Mr. Sherman, Mr. Floyd, Mr. W. Livingston, and Mr. Morton.

The proceedings of the committee of secret correspondence were read.

Congress then resolved itself into a committee of the whole, to take into their farther consideration the state of the United Colonies, and, after some time, the president resumed the chair, and Mr. Harrison reported, that the committee had taken into their farther consideration the matter referred to them, but, not having come to a conclusion, desired him to move for leave to sit again.

*Resolved*, That Congress will to-morrow again resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into their farther consideration the state of the United Colonies.

*Resolved*, That Mr. Rutledge, at his request, be discharged from serving on the marine committee, and that Mr. Middleton be a member of the said committee in his stead.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, May 21, 1776.

Sundry letters and papers were laid before Congress and read, viz.

Three letters from general Washington of the 18th, 19th, and 20th, inclosing fundry letters and papers of intelligence from England, and a copy of the treaties made by his Britannic majesty with the duke of Brunswick for 4084 of his troops; with the landgrave of Hesse Cassel for 12000 of his troops; and with the count of Hainau for 668 of his troops :

A letter from William Palfrey, with a copy of his weekly account :

A letter from John Langdon to general Washington :

A petition from Samuel Austin, John Rowe, S. Pattridge, Samuel Dashwood, and John Scolly of Boston :

*Resolved*, That the said letters and papers and petition be referred to a committee of five; that the said committee be directed to extract and publish the treaties and such parts of the intelligences as they think proper; also to consider of an adequate reward for the person who brought the intelligence; and that they prepare an address to the foreign mercenaries who are coming to invade America :

The members chosen Mr. J. Adams, Mr. W. Livingston, Mr. Jefferson, Mr. R. H. Lee, and Mr. Sherman.

Congress took into consideration the report respecting prisoners, which was agreed to as follows :

*Resolved*, That all prisoners taken in arms on board any prize, be deemed prisoners, to be taken care of by the supreme executive power in each colony to which they are brought, whether the prize be taken by vessels fitted out by the continent, or by others :

That such as are taken be treated as prisoners of war, but with humanity, and be allowed the same rations as the troops in the service

vice of the United Colonies; but that such as are officers supply themselves and be allowed to draw bills to pay for their subsistence and cloathing:

That officers made prisoners in the land service be allowed the same indulgence:

That the officers be not permitted to reside in or near any sea port town, nor public post road, and that the officers and privates be not suffered to reside in the same places:

That in case the officers cannot draw or sell their bills, the Congress will allow for each of them Two Dollars a week, for board and lodgings, to be repaid by said officers before they are released from their captivity:

That no tavern keepers supply any officers who are prisoners, on the credit of the continent:

That the capitulations entered into with prisoners at the time of their surrender be punctually observed:

That such officers as surrender prisoners of war be put on their parole, unless Congress shall otherwise direct:

That the FORM of the PAROLE be as follows:

I ——— being made a prisoner of war, by the army of the Thirteen United Colonies, in North-America, do promise and engage, on my word and honour, and on the faith of a gentleman, to depart from hence to ——— in the province of ——— being the place of my destination and residence, and there, or within six miles thereof, to remain during the present war between Great-Britain and the said United Colonies, or until the Congress of the said United Colonies, or the assembly, convention, or committee or council of safety of the said colony shall order otherwise; and that I will not directly or indirectly give any intelligence whatsoever to the enemies of the United Colonies, or do or say any thing in opposition to, or in prejudice of the measures and proceedings of any Congress for the said colonies during the present troubles, or until I am duly exchanged or discharged. Given under my hand, this                      day of                      A. D. 1776.

That the said parole be signed by the officers:

That such as refuse to subscribe the parole be committed to prison:

That David Franks, Esq; agent to the contractors for victualing the troops of the king of Great-Britain, be permitted to supply the prisoners with provisions and other necessaries, and to sell his bills for such sums of money as are necessary for that purpose:

And to enable him to do this to the satisfaction of his employers, that a commissioned officer be permitted once a month to visit the prisoners so victualled and supplied, in order to count their numbers and certify the rolls:

That such of the prisoners as are not supplied by Mr. Franks, be furnished with provisions not exceeding the rations allowed to privates in the service of the continent.

That

That the women and children belonging to prisoners be furnished with subsistence, and supplied with firing and other things absolutely necessary for their support :

That no prisoners be enlisted in the continental army :

That the prisoners be permitted to exercise their trades and to labour in order to support themselves and families :

That the committees of inspection and observation, for the counties, districts or towns, assigned for the residence of prisoners, be empowered to superintend their conduct, and in cases of gross misbehaviour to confine them, and report to their respective assemblies, convention or committees or council of safety the proceedings had on such occasions :

That a list of the prisoners in each colony be made out by the committees of the counties, towns or districts where they reside, and transmitted to the assembly, convention, or council or committee of safety of such colony respectively, who shall send a copy thereof to Congress :

That the said assemblies, conventions, and committees or councils of safety be empowered to contract with proper persons for the most reasonable terms for supplying such of the prisoners, their wives and children, in their respective colony as are not supplied by Mr. Franks :

That the said assemblies, conventions, and committees or councils of safety, be authorized and requested to take the paroles of the officers, and to cause a strict observance of the terms on which they are enlarged, and also to take especial care that none of those confined by order of the Congress, be suffered to escape ; also to advance the allowance of Two Dollars a week to each of the officers who cannot draw or sell their bills and to draw for the same on the president of the Congress :

That the said assemblies, conventions, committees or councils of safety of the colonies respectively in which prisoners are or shall chuse or be appointed to reside, be empowered to remove such prisoners from place to place within the same colonies, as often as to such assemblies, conventions, committees or councils of safety it shall seem proper, having regard to the former resolutions of Congress concerning prisoners.

The committee, to whom the letter of the 10th from general Lee was referred, brought in their report, which was read, and after some debate ;

*Resolved*, That the farther consideration thereof be postponed till the arrival of general Washington.

A letter from Allan M'Donald a prisoner at Reading, to John Nixon, Esq; president of the committee of safety of Pennsylvania, was laid before Congress and read.

The committee to whom the letters from general Washington, major general Schuyler, and the commissioners in Canada were referred, brought in their report, which was read. *Resolved*,

*Resolved*, That the consideration thereof be postponed till to-morrow.

The committee for superintending the treasury, to whom it was referred to consider and report a plan for carrying into effect the resolution of Congress for emitting five millions of dollars, brought in their report, which was read :

*Resolved*, That the consideration thereof be postponed till to-morrow.

The several matters to this day referred being postponed.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, May 22, 1776.

A petition from James M<sup>r</sup> Knight was presented to Congress and read.

A report being made on the petition of P. Simons, the same was taken into consideration : whereupon,

*Resolved*, That it appears James M<sup>r</sup> Knight hath proceeded in the sale of the sloop Sally and her cargo, contrary to the mode prescribed, and without any authority from Congress :

That the resolution passed the 4th of April, "impowering the committee of inspection and observation of the county of Burlington, to make sale of the sloop Sally and the cargo on board, and to pay one half of the net proceeds to James M<sup>r</sup> Knight for salvage, and retain the other half for the owner or owners," be set aside.

*Resolved*, That it be an instruction to the marine committee, to procure an exact account of the number and weight of the cannon lately taken at Providence.

Congress resumed the consideration of the report on the letters from general Washington &c. received the 16th and 18th, whereupon

*Resolved*, That the instructions given to Mr. Price by major general Schuyler be approved : That general Schuyler be directed to take any farther measures for supplying the army in Canada with provisions, which his prudence may suggest, in which Congress place the highest confidence :

That general Schuyler be informed of the difficulty of procuring specie, and directed, as far as possible to remedy that inconvenience by purchasing such necessaries, as can be obtained in these colonies, and to appoint storekeepers and other officers for the sale and distribution thereof :

That general Schuyler be informed that Congress have in view these two great objects, the protection and assistance of our Canadian friends, and the securing so much of that country as may prevent any communication between our enemies and the indians : The means of effecting these purposes by fortifying proper posts, building armed vessels where most expedient, opening roads of communication or otherwise, are left to the determination of a council



council or councils of war, governing themselves by events and their knowledge of the country :

That general Washington or the commanding officer at New-York, be directed to send from thence to Ticonderoga so many light cannon as will be sufficient to arm the vessels now in lake Champlain :

That the attention of the commissioners in Canada to the restoration of order and discipline, and to the punishment of those by whom they are violated, deserves the approbation of Congress :

That the specie now in the treasury, and as much more as can be procured, not exceeding the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, be immediately remitted to the commissioners for the payment of debts due from these colonies in Canada, and for the preservation of public credit :

That the commissioners in Canada be directed, if necessary, to appoint proper persons to collect and audit the public accounts in that province :

That the commissioners in Canada and general Schuyler be informed, that we cannot give them any assurance of maintaining our army there by hard money, but that this ought not to discourage our operations, Congress being determined to send from these colonies supplies of provisions and all other necessaries, if hard money cannot be obtained ; and that in the mean time the best endeavours shall be used to procure the sum of one hundred thousand dollars :

That some person or persons be employed by the president in New-England, as an agent or agents to procure if possible, hard money to the amount of one hundred thousand dollars, and as soon as a considerable sum is obtained, the said agents be directed to transmit the same to the commissioners of Congress in Canada, for the use of the army there, and in case of the absence of the commissioners, the same to be delivered to the deputy pay master general :

That such presents be made to the indians on the delivery of the hatchet, as the commissioners in Canada think prudent :

That 500,000 dollars be sent as soon as possible to general Schuyler.

The committee of claims reported that there is due

On sundry certificates exhibited by Joseph Donaldson, the sum of 467.6 dollars, and that the same ought to be paid to Robert M'Pherson, Esq; and

Captain Dowdles company charged with	13 $\frac{1}{3}$ dollars.
Captain Nelson's company with	26.8
Captain James Grier for a rifle with	9 $\frac{1}{3}$
Captain Cressap's company for rifles with	24.5
Captain Stephenson's company with	8 $\frac{2}{3}$
the remainder to the continent.	

To

To Robert Erwin, waggon master, for transporting salt-petre from Egg-Harbour, the sum of 117.4 dollars:

To Robert Patton for 163 days attendance as a messenger, the sum of 108.7 dollars:

To Hugh Hodge for medicines for the third Pennsylvania battalion, the sum of 27.4 dollars:

To Samuel Kennedy, surgeon to the fourth Pennsylvania battalion, the sum of 14.1 dollars:

To Michael Whitman for provisions furnished prisoners from St. John's, the sum of £ 1: 15: 6: Pennsylvania currency, and that the same ought to be paid to Adam Kimmel, together with two thirds of a dollar omitted to be charged in a former account rendered by him, the whole amounting to 5.3 dollars:

On several accounts rendered by major Nicholas Haussegger for necessaries for the fourth Pennsylvania battalion, the sum of 203.7 dollars, and that the same ought to be paid to him:

To Christian Levy for a rifle, the sum of 8 dollars, which ought to be charged to captain Nelson.

To major Nicholas Haussegger for divers expences paid by him, the sum of 34.4 dollars:

To John Barnes for boarding officers, prisoners, at Trenton, the sum of 77.3 dollars, of which sum,

Dr. Nuddleston to be charged with	24 dollars.
Lieutenant Namar,	24 do.
Major Regonville,	16 do.
Lieutenant Symes,	13.3 do.

On several accounts exhibited by Lewis Gordon, Esq; for sundry necessaries furnished by Northampton committee to captain Nelson's and captain Craig's companies, the sum of 1310.1 dollars, of which there ought to be charged

To captain Craig's company,	1205.7 dollars.
And to captain Nelson's company,	7.2 dollars.

the remainder to the continent:

*Ordered,* That the said accounts be paid.

*Resolved,* That general Washington be impowered to appoint an assistant clerk to his secretary with the pay of 40 dollars per month.

*Resolved,* That an order for 10500 dollars be drawn on the treasurers in favour of the delegates of Connecticut, to be by them transmitted to the governor and council of the said colony, for the use of the battalion ordered to be raised there by a resolution of the 16th instant, the said governor and council to be accountable.

That an order for 21,000 dollars be drawn on the treasurers in favour of the delegates of Massachusetts-Bay, to be by them transmitted to the assembly of the said colony, for the use of the two battalions ordered to be raised there by the resolution above mentioned, the said assembly to be accountable.

That

That the pay of the said three battalions commence from the time they are armed and mustered:

That an order for 10500 dollars be drawn on the treasurers, in favour of the delegates of New-Hampshire, to be then transmitted to the council of the said colony, for the use of the battalion ordered to be raised there, by a resolution of the 14th instant, the said council to be accountable.

The Congress took into consideration the report of the committee for superintending the treasury; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the five millions of dollars directed to be emitted in continental bills of credit, shall consist of the following denominations:

138889	- -	of 1 dollar.
138889	- -	of 2 dollars.
138889	- -	of 3 dollars.
138888	- -	of 4 dollars.
138889	- -	of 5 dollars.
138889	- -	of 6 dollars.
138889	- -	of 7 dollars.
138889	- -	of 8 dollars.

That the inspectors of the presses for the last emission, be directed and authorized to perform that service for the present emission, being first qualified agreeable to the resolution of Congress, passed the 21st February last:

That the gentlemen appointed to sign and number the bills of credit of the last emission, be authorized to sign and number the bills of credit of five millions of dollars now agreed to be emitted, taking before they shall enter upon their office, the oath or affirmation prescribed by the resolution of Congress of the 9th of March last:

That the plates engraved for the two last emissions, shall be used in the emission now directed, and that the bills be expressed in the following words:

Dollar

This bill intitles the bearer to receive Spanish milled dollars, or the value thereof in gold or silver, according to a resolution of Congress, passed at Philadelphia the 9th of May, 1776.

That the said bills be signed by two signers, and each different denomination numbered from number one, progressively.

The committee, appointed to examine and ascertain the value of the several species of gold and silver coins, current in these colonies, and the proportions they ought respectively to bear to Spanish milled dollars, brought in their report, which was read:

Ordered to lie on the table.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, May 23, 1776.

*Resolved*, That a committee of five be appointed to confer with general Washington, major general Gates, and brigadier general Mifflin, upon the most speedy and effectual means for supporting the American cause in Canada:

The members chosen Mr. Harrison, Mr. R. H. Lee, Mr. J. Adams, Mr. Wilfon, and Mr. Rutledge.

*Resolved*, That the committee appointed to contract for the making fire arms, be directed to order the manager of the continental factory of fire arms at Lancaster, and the manager of the gun lock factory at Trenton, to deliver to colonel Shee or his order, all the muskets and gun locks that each of them may have ready, in order to the more expeditious arming the continental battalion under his command:

That the said committee be directed to bring in a resolution for promoting and encouraging the making of good fire arms.

A letter from Charles Miller to Joseph Trumbull, Esq; commissary general, was laid before Congress and read;

*Resolved*, That it be referred to a committee of three:

The members chosen Mr. Whipple, Mr. Gerry, and Mr. F. Lee.

*Resolved*, As the opinion of this Congress, that James M<sup>r</sup> Knight ought to restore to the owners the money found on board the sloop Sally, and also the effects or the money he received for the effects on board the said sloop, at the time she was run on shore, and for the wreck, tackle and furniture of the said sloop, which effects, wreck, tackle, and furniture, were sold or pretended to be sold, or secreted by him the said James M<sup>r</sup> Knight.

*Ordered*, That general Washington attend in Congress to-morrow.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed:  
Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, May 24. 1776.

A letter from Mrs. Abi. Grant was laid before Congress and read, requesting permission to return to her husband and family in London, and to take on board necessary stores for the voyage:

*Resolved*, That her request be granted, and that the president give her a passport to the place where she shall chuse to embark.

The committee for superintending the treasury, to whom was referred the account and claim of captain Herman Allen of lieutenant colonel Warner's battalion, brought in their report, which was agreed to: whereupon,

*Resolved*, That there be allowed to captain Herman Allen, for fundry disbursements for the use of his company, the sum of 360 dollars, over and above the account allowed by the convention of New-York, amounting to £ 240: 18: 0: New-York currency.

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The committee, to whom was referred the petition of Joseph Trumbull, Esq; commissary general, brought in their report, which was taken into consideration and agreed to ; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That there be allowed to the several persons undermentioned, employed in the commissary general's department in the continental army, the wages and rations annexed to their names respectively, during the time they have been and shall continue in the service of the United Colonies :

In the issuing store at Cambridge :

Charles Miller, issuing store keeper ; 50 dollars per month, and 4 rations :

Peter Roe Dalton, first clerk ;  $4/8$  lawful money a day, and 3 rations :

Ebenezer Perry, and }  
Thomas Durant, } clerks in store ;  $3/4$  do. and 2 rations :

William Brown, and }  
Josiah Brown, } clerks at scales ;  $3/4$  do. and 2 do.

Robert Davis, clerk of weekly allowances ;  $3/4$  do. and 2 do.

Eight labourers, one cooper, and one cook, each  $2/8$  lawful money a day, and 1 ration :

Employed to issue to two brigades :

In the store at Roxbury :

Aaron Blaney, issuing store keeper ; 50 dollars per month, and 4 rations :

James Richardson, first clerk ;  $4/8$  lawful money a day, and 3 rations :

Two clerks in store, and two at scales, each  $3/4$  do. and 2 rations :

Six labourers, one cooper & one cook, each  $2/8$  do. and 1 do.

Employed to issue to two brigades :

On Prospect Hill :

Peter Philips, issuing store keeper ; 40 dollars a month, and 4 rations :

Griffin Green, first clerk ;  $4/8$  lawful money a day, and 3 rations :

One clerk in store, and one at scales, each  $3/4$  do. and 2 do.

One cooper, and four labourers, each  $2/8$  do. and 1 do.

Employed to issue to one brigade :

At Medford :

Moses Emerson, issuing store keeper ; 40 dollars a month, and 4 rations :

Israel Mead, first clerk ;  $4/8$  lawful money a day, and 3 rations :

One clerk in store, and one at scales, each  $3/4$  do. and 2 do.

One cooper, and four labourers, each  $2/8$  do. and 1 do.

Employed to issue to one brigade :

In the magazine at Cambridge :

Samuel Gray, Reuben Stiles, and Daniel Brown, clerks and magazine keepers,  $4/8$  lawful money a day, and 3 rations :

One

One cooper, 2/8 lawful money a day, and 1 ration :

In the magazine at Roxbury :

Jabez Porter, and James Jauncey Pendleton, clerks and magazine keepers ; 4/8 lawful money a day, and 3 rations :

One cooper, 2/8 do. and 1 do.

Joseph Farnsworth, commissary to colonel Arnold's detachment; returned from fort Halifax, £ 10 lawful money a month, and 3 rations per day :

John Thomas, employed constantly in riding to collect stores, procure teams, &c. himself and horse, 8/ lawful money a day, and 3 rations :

William Hoskins, and Elisha Avery, principal book-keepers and payers of small bills, £ 10 lawful money a month, and 3 rations per day.

*Resolved*, That an addition of forty dollars a month be made to the pay of the commissary general.

The committee appointed to confer with his excellency general Washington, major general Gates, and brigadier general Mifflin, brought in their report, which being taken into consideration, was agreed to ; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the commanding officer in Canada be informed that Congress are fully convinced of the absolute necessity of keeping possession of that country, and that they expect the forces in that department will contest every foot of the ground with the enemies of these colonies ; and as Congress have in view the cutting off all communication between the upper country and the enemy, they judge it highly necessary that the exertions of the forces be particularly made on the St. Lawrence below the mouth of the Sorrell :

That the commanding officer in Canada be directed to make exact and frequent returns of men, provisions and military stores in the Canadian department, to the general and commander in chief of the United Colonies :

That general Schuyler be desired to take care that the army in Canada be regularly and effectually supplied with necessaries :

That the troops ordered for Canada be hastened into that country so soon as provisions can be forwarded for their support :

That the commanding officer in Canada be assured of the resolution of Congress, to afford him every support in his endeavours to carry their views into execution.

*Resolved*, That Mr. R. R. Livingston be added to the committee of conference, and that they be directed farther to confer with the generals, touching the most proper posts and measures to be taken for effectually preventing the enemy's communication with the upper country from Canada, and such other measures as shall tend to secure the frontiers.

Agreeable to order, general Washington attended in Congress, and after some conference with him,

*Resolved*,

*Resolved*, That he be directed to attend again to-morrow.

A letter of the 26th of April from the convention of North-Carolina, with a list of prisoners by them sent to Pennsylvania, was laid before Congress and read; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the said letter and list be sent to the committee of safety of Pennsylvania, and that they be desired to have the said prisoners properly and safely secured and provided for, agreeably to the resolutions of Congress, at the expence of the United Colonies.

The committee of claims reported that there is due,

To Jacob Hilzheimer, for fundry expreeses, the sum of 372.3 dollars :

To captain Nathaniel Falconer, for his and Mr. Ashe's expences, together with the expences of two servants going to New-York with money and returning, the sum of 98.5 dollars :

To Daniel Smith, for expences of guards, &c. at the city tavern, over brigadier general Prescott, and captain Chase, the sum of 118 dollars.

*Ordered*, That the said accounts be paid.

Sundry resolutions passed by the convention of Maryland were laid before Congress and read.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

SATURDAY, May 25, 1776.

A letter from colonel William Wind, dated the 18th, and a petition from the committee of the county of Lincoln, were presented to Congress; also a petition from John Wilcox, and John and Peter Chevalier, was presented and read.

*Resolved*, That the secret committee be directed to sell to the petitioners John Wilcox, and John and Peter Chevalier, 75 lb. of gun powder:

That the said committee be directed to deliver to the committee of safety of Pennsylvania, half a ton of powder, in order to prove cannon, the said committee to be accountable.

*Resolved*, That an order for 20,000 dollars be drawn on the treasurers, in favour of James Mease, commissary; for the use of the Pennsylvania battalions, he to be accountable :

That Mr. J. Mease be directed to provide a stock of shoes, hats, and stockings, for the use of the troops in the continental service, on the most reasonable terms.

A petition from James M<sup>r</sup> Knight was presented to Congress and read;

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

A memorial from the committee of inspection and observation of the city and liberties of Philadelphia, was presented to Congress and read;

*Ordered*

Ordered to lie on the table.

*Ordered,* That a copy of said memorial be delivered to Mr. R. Morris, who desires the same in behalf of the assembly of Pennsylvania.

*Resolved,* That an order for 65,000 dollars be drawn on the treasurers, in favour of the delegates of Virginia, for the use of the battalions raised in that colony, the said colony to be accountable.

Agreeable to order general Washington attended, and after some conference with him,

*Resolved,* That a committee be appointed to confer with his excellency general Washington, major general Gates, and brigadier general Mifflin, and to concert a plan of military operations for the ensuing campaign.

The members appointed Mr. Harrisson, Mr. R. H. Lee, Mr. J. Adams, Mr. Wilson, Mr. R. R. Livingston, Mr. Whipple, Mr. Sherman, Mr. Hopkins, Mr. W. Livingston, Mr. Read, Mr. Tilghman, Mr. Hewes, Mr. Middleton, and Mr. Hall.

The committee of safety of Pennsylvania, to whom were referred the letter from the convention of North-Carolina, and the list of the prisoners sent from thence, having appointed colonel Roberdeau to wait upon Congress and inform them that the prisoners are arrived, and that they have ordered them to be closely confined, and have appointed an officer's guard for their better security; and farther to inquire what allowance for subsistence is to be granted them.

*Resolved,* That the disposition of the prisoners made by the committee of safety is approved, and that they have the allowance granted to other officers who are prisoners.

The Congress took into consideration the report of the committee on the letter from general Washington of the 11th May, the letter from general Schuyler of the 3d, and the letter from captain Daniel Robertson of the royal highland emigrant regiment of the 9th, which was in part agreed to; whereupon,

*Resolved,* That lieutenant colonel Burbeck be dismissed from the continental service:

That a letter be written to the president of the convention of Virginia, requesting that they will immediately forward to Philadelphia such quantity of lead as can be spared from that colony:

That one battalion of Germans be raised for the service of the United Colonies:

That general Schuyler be impowered to increase the number of batteaus to two hundred:

That four of the prisoners taken at St. Johns, and suggested by the letter from captain Robertson, to have enlisted in the continental army, viz.

William Roughead and Elisha Grifler, in captain Hubley's company; John Santon, in captain Brown's company; and John Mayot



Mayot, in a company unknown, be dismissed the service, and re-  
turn to their corps at Lancaster.

*Resolved*, That the consideration of the first paragraph in said report be postponed, and that the third and fifth paragraphs be referred to the committee appointed to confer with the generals.

A number of deputies from four of the six nations of Indians having arrived in town, and notified Congress that they are desirous of an audience;

*Resolved*, That they be admitted to an audience on Monday next at 11 o'clock.

*Ordered*, That notice be given to the colonels of the association of the city and liberties of Philadelphia, to draw out their battalions in review on Monday morning as early as they can conveniently, and that the Congress with the generals in town will attend the review at 9 o'clock.

*Resolved*, That the arms, ammunition and military stores taken by the armed schooner Franklin, or any other of the armed vessels in the pay of the United Colonies, be at the disposal of the general or commander in chief of the American forces.

The committee to whom the resolutions of the convention of South-Carolina respecting the battalions raised in that colony were referred, brought in their report which was read.

*Resolved*, That the several reports on general Washington's letters not yet considered, and the general's letters, which were referred to a committee of the whole Congress, be committed to the committee appointed to confer with the generals.

As two of the committee, to whom the letter from colonel Hand of the rifle battalion was referred, are absent,

*Resolved*, That two other members be chosen in their room.

The members elected Mr. Wilfon, and Mr. Woolcott.

The committee, to whom was referred the letter from Charles Miller to the commissary general, brought in their report which was read and agreed to; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the commissary general be directed to order so much of the provisions stored in the continental magazine in Massachusetts-Bay, to be delivered for victualling the five ships of war now building at Portsmouth, Newbury-Port, and Providence, as the marine committee shall direct; and to keep the residue for the use of the continental army, that is or may be stationed in the eastern department.

That the commissary general be directed to receive the amount of the pork, beef, and fish, supplied the colony of Massachusetts-Bay, and credit the same in his account with the United Colonies.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed.

Adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday.

MONDAY,

MONDAY, May 27, 1776.

A letter of the 16th from George Morgan, Esq; to Lewis Morris, Esq; was laid before Congress and read.

*Resolved*, That it be referred to the standing committee on Indian affairs.

A petition from Samuel de Lucena was presented to Congress and read.

*Resolved*, That it be referred to the committee for promoting the manufacture of sulphur and saltpetre.

A petition from the committee of the county of Monmouth, in the colony of New-Jersey, was presented to Congress and read.

Ordered to lie on the table.

*Resolved*, That the secret committee be directed to send forward with all convenient dispatch, one ton of powder, lent for the defence of the western frontier; of which 800 lb. to be lodged in fort Pitt, 600 lb. with the committee of West Augusta, and 600 lb. with the committee of Westmoreland, to be used only in case that country is attacked.

Agreeable to order, the Indians were admitted to an audience; after they withdrew,

*Resolved*, That the standing committee for Indian affairs be directed to prepare a speech to be delivered to the Indians, and to procure such articles as they judge proper for a present.

The delegates from North-Carolina, and the delegates from Virginia, laid before Congress certain instructions which they received from their respective conventions.

*Resolved*, That the sum of 30,000 dollars be transmitted to the assembly of Massachusetts-Bay, to be by them exchanged for silver and gold for the Canada expedition, agreeable to a former resolution of Congress.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, May 28, 1776.

*Resolved*, That colonel Turbutt Francis be desired to attend at the next conference with the Indians, and assist in interpreting for them.

The committee, to whom it was referred to consider of a mode for regulating the price of salt, brought in their report, which was read.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY,

WEDNESDAY, May 29, 1776.

A letter from general Wooster of the 27th of April last, and a letter from William Palfrey, with a weekly account from the 19th to 25th May inclusive, were laid before Congress and read.

A petition from captain Budden was presented to Congress and read; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That midshipman Draper, be offered in exchange for captain William Budden.

A letter from Levi Hollinsworth, and Thomas Richardson, to the committee of safety of Pennsylvania, dated Newport 21st inst. also a memorial from sundry members of the general assembly of Rhode-Island, were presented to Congress and read :

Ordered to lie on the table.

The committee appointed to confer with the generals, brought in a report which was read and considered :

*Resolved*, That the farther consideration of the report be postponed till to-morrow.

*Resolved*, That the committee have leave to sit again.

A letter from Mr. Jay, introducing a foreigner to the notice of Congress, was presented and read :

*Resolved*, That it be referred to the secret committee, and that they be directed to confer with the gentleman.

The committee of claims reported that there is due,

For ferriages of two brass field pieces sent to Virginia, the sum of 6 dollars, and that the same ought to be paid to James Davidson :

To Walter Stewart, for his expences in going on board the Liverpool frigate, the sum of  $8\frac{1}{9}\frac{5}{6}$  dollars :

To David Lenox, for his expences going to New-York as an escort of money, the sum of  $62\frac{6}{9}\frac{3}{6}$  dollars :

To William Sheppard, for waggon hire on two journeys to New-York, and on a journey to Port royal in Virginia with general Lee, the sum of  $102\frac{4}{9}\frac{4}{6}$  dollars :

On several certificates for entertaining general Lee's guard, the sum of  $37\frac{7}{9}\frac{8}{6}$  dollars, and that the same ought to be paid to George Ross, Esq;

To Robert Erwin, for waggonage of gun powder to the city of New-York, the sum of 414 dollars :

*Ordered*, That the said accounts be paid.

The said committee farther reported, that captain John Lowdon had laid before them an account of the expenditure of money paid into his hands for the purpose of raising a company of rifle men, amounting to the sum of  $582\frac{7}{9}\frac{0}{6}$  dollars :

Transporting baggage from Northumberland to Reading, 40 dollars :

Amount of divers articles ordered to be charged to captain Lowdon, which now appear to be continental charges,  $50\frac{3}{9}$  dollars :

Amount of John Harris, and Elias Younkman's bills, which have been twice paid, and twice charged to captain Lowdon, and which ought now to be charged to the committee of Berks,  $86\frac{4}{9}$  dollars :

The whole amounting to  $758\frac{5}{9}$  dollars :

*Ordered*, That captain Lowdon be credited with the above sum, and that the committee of Berks county be charged with the sum abovementioned.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, May 30, 1776.

Congress took into consideration the report of the committee on the mode of regulating the price of salt, and thereupon came to the following resolution :

Whereas it hath been represented to Congress, that avaricious ill designing men have taken advantage of the resolve of Congress, passed the 30th of April, for withdrawing from the committees of inspection the power of regulating the price of goods, to extort from the people a most exorbitant price for salt,

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the committees of observation and inspection in the United Colonies, so to regulate the price of salt, as to prevent unreasonable exactions on the part of the seller, having due regard to the difficulty and risque of importation ; subject however to such regulations as have been or shall hereafter be made by the legislatures of the respective colonies.

The committee, to whom the letter from Joseph Woodward, chairman of the committee of the New-Hampshire grants was referred, and who were directed to hear the persons mentioned in the said letter, brought in their report, which was read.

The committee to whom it was referred to consider of an adequate reward for the person who brought the late intelligence from England, brought in their report ; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That he receive his pay, being a soldier in captain Morgan's company of rifle men, to be continued from the time of his captivity, until the 15th day of June next, and a gratuity of one hundred dollars.

A petition from captain Herman Allen was presented to Congress and read.

*Resolved*, That six of the heaviest cannon at Newport, and fourteen of the heaviest cannon at New-London, belonging to the continent, be transported to Philadelphia as soon as possible.

That



That a copy of the above resolution be transmitted to the governors of Rhode-Island and Connecticut.

Congress then took into consideration the report of the committee appointed to confer with his excellency general Washington, major general Gates, and brigadier general Mifflin, and after some debate,

*Resolved*, That it be referred to a committee of the whole Congress.

Congress then resolved itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the report of the committee of conference, and after some time spent thereon, the president resumed the chair, and Mr. Harrison reported that the committee have taken into consideration the matter referred to them, and have come to a resolution thereon, but not having had time to go through the whole, desired him to move for leave to sit again.

The resolution reported from the committee of the whole Congress being read, was agreed to, as follows :

*Resolved*, That the general be authorised to direct the building as many fire rafts, row galleys, armed boats, and floating batteries as may be necessary, and suitable for the immediate defence of the port of New-York, and Hudson's river.

*Resolved*, That this Congress will to-morrow again resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into their farther consideration the report of the committee of conference.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, May 31, 1776.

A letter of the 22d from commodore E. Hopkins, inclosing the proceedings of two courts martial on John Hazard, commander of the sloop Providence, and Abraham Whipple, commander of the Columbus, was laid before Congress and read;

*Resolved*, That it be referred to the committee on the instructions given to commodore Hopkins.

A letter of the 21st from Jonathan Trumbull, deputy paymaster general : And a petition from Hugh King, in behalf of himself and others, were laid before Congress and read.

*Resolved*, That an order for 50,000 dollars be drawn on the treasurers, in favour of brigadier general Mifflin, to enable him to pay for tents, entrenching tools, and sundry other articles, which he as quarter master general has bought in Philadelphia, for the use of the continental army ; he to be accountable.

The committee of conference brought in a farther report, which was read ;

*Resolved*, That it be referred to the committee of the whole Congress.

*Resolved*,

*Resolved*, That John Connolly, John Smith, and Allan Cameron, three of the prisoners confined in the goal of Philadelphia, who are represented to be in a dangerous state of health, be permitted, for the recovery of their health, to walk two hours in the day in the yard of the prison, in company with or under the inspection of at least two of the guards.

Congress then resolved itself into a committee of the whole, to take into their farther consideration the reports of the committee of conference, and after some time spent thereon, the president resumed the chair, and Mr. Harrison reported, that the committee have taken into their further consideration the matters to them referred, but not having yet finished, desired him to move for leave to sit again.

*Resolved*, That this Congress will to-morrow again resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into their farther consideration the reports of the committee of conference.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed:  
Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

SATURDAY, June 1, 1776.

Letters from the committees of Hartford and Northampton in Connecticut, respecting prisoners, being laid before Congress and read:

*Resolved*, That they be referred to the committee on prisoners.

A letter of the 27th of May from governor Trumbull was also read; and a letter from colonel J. Read, informing, that upon his arrival at New-York, finding a gentleman of character and abilities performing the services of secretary with satisfaction to the general, he was induced to request, and has obtained the general's leave to resign that office.

The committee on indian affairs, to whom it was referred to consider of a proper present for the indians, brought in their report; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the said committee be impowered and directed to purchase goods for a present to the indians, to an amount not exceeding  $426\frac{6}{9}$  dollars.

The Congress then resolved itself into a committee of the whole, to take into their farther consideration the report of the committee of conference, and after some time spent thereon, the president resumed the chair, and Mr. Harrison reported, that the committee had taken into further consideration the matters to them referred, and come to some resolutions which they desired him to report, but not having yet come to a conclusion, directed him to move for leave to sit again.

The report from the committee of the whole Congress was read; whereupon,

*Resolved*,

*Resolved*, That six thousand militia be employed to reinforce the army in Canada, and to keep up the communication with that province, to make up which number,

*Resolved*, That the colony of Massachusetts-Bay be requested, to supply of their militia

3000	-	4 battalions.
Connecticut of their militia	1500	- 2 battalions.
New-Hampshire of their militia	750	- 1 battalion.
New-York of their militia	750	- 1 battalion.

*Resolved*, That the farther consideration of the report be postponed till Monday next.

*Resolved*, That the Congress will on Monday next again resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into their further consideration the report of the committee of conference.

The committee of claims reported that there is due,

To Anthony Fricker, for boarding the Scots hostages from the 22d of March to the 4th of June instant,  $246\frac{7}{9}\frac{8}{9}$  dollars :

To Samuel Patterson, for waggon hire and dining the prisoners brought from North-Carolina, the sum of  $7\frac{6}{9}\frac{0}{9}$  dollars, and that the same ought to be paid to Thomas M<sup>c</sup>Kean, Esq;

*Ordered*, That the same accounts be paid.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed.

Adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday next.

#### MONDAY, June 3, 1776.

Sundry letters received by general Washington, were laid before Congress and read.

*Resolved*, That an order be drawn on the treasurers, for  $1066\frac{2}{3}$  dollars, in favour of Ephraim Blaine, Esq; in advance for the purchase of shoes to be sent to Williamsburgh, for the use of the continental army; he to be accountable.

The committee of conference brought in a further report which was read :

*Resolved*, That the same be referred to the committee of the whole Congress.

The Congress then resolved itself into a committee of the whole, to take into their farther consideration the reports of the committee of conference, and after some time spent thereon, the president resumed the chair, and Mr. Harrison reported, that the committee have had under consideration the matters to them referred, and have come to sundry resolutions thereon, which they have directed him to report, but not having yet come to a conclusion, desired him to move for leave to sit again.

The report from the committee of the whole Congress being read, was agreed to; whereupon,

*Resolved*,

*Resolved*, That 13800 militia be employed to reinforce the army at New-York; to compleat which number,

*Resolved*, That the colony of Massachusetts-Bay be requested to furnish of their militia 2000

Connecticut of their militia 5500

New-York of their militia 3000

New-Jersey of their militia 3300

*Resolved*, As the opinion of this Congress that the eleven battalions raised and ordered to be raised for the protection of the four New-England colonies, are sufficient.

*Resolved*, That a flying camp be immediately established in the middle colonies; and that it consist of 10,000 men; to compleat which number,

*Resolved*, That the colony of Pennsylvania be requested to furnish of their militia 6000

Maryland of their militia 3400

Delaware government of their militia 600

*Resolved*, That the militias be engaged to the first day of December next, unless sooner discharged by Congress:

That the pay of the militias commence from the day of their marching from home, and that they be allowed one penny a mile lawful money, in lieu of rations for travelling expences, and one day's pay for every twenty miles between home and the general rendezvous going and returning:

That three major generals, and two brigadier generals be added to the continental establishment of general officers, and that the vacancies in the offices of adjutant general, and quarter master general be filled up:

That the general assembly of the colony of Massachusetts-Bay, the governor and assembly of the colony of Connecticut, the conventions of New-York and New-Jersey, and the several conventions of such other of the United Colonies, in which there are any lead mines, be requested to transmit to Congress with all convenient dispatch the state and condition of the lead mines in their respective colonies, and use the most speedy means to procure their being wrought to effect:

That it be earnestly recommended to the assemblies, conventions, and committees of safety of the United Colonies, to fall upon the most effectual means of removing the stock, grain, and meal, from such parts of their respective colonies, as are invaded, or are in imminent danger of being invaded by the enemy:

That two provincial brigadier generals be employed in the Canada department; one from Massachusetts-Bay, and one from Connecticut:

That four provincial brigadier generals be employed in the New-York department; one from Massachusetts-Bay, one from Connecticut, one from New-York, and one from New-Jersey:

That



That three provincial brigadier generals be employed for the flying camp; two from Pennsylvania, and one from Maryland :

That the said brigadier generals be appointed by the respective colonies above mentioned :

That the commander in chief be authorised to form and fix such magazines of provisions and military stores, as he may judge necessary.

*Resolved*, That to-morrow be assigned for electing the three major generals and the two brigadier generals, and for filling up the vacancies in the offices of adjutant general, and quarter master general.

*Resolved*, That the secret committee be empowered to export produce of these colonies to the foreign West-Indies, sufficient to pay for ten thousand stand of arms, ordered to be procured from thence by the committee of secret correspondence.

*Resolved*, That this Congress will to-morrow again resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into their farther consideration the report of the committee of conference.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, June 4, 1776.

*Resolved*, That an order for 800 dollars be drawn on the treasurers, in favour of Joseph Swift, jun. being in full of a draught the 10th May, in his favour by B. Franklin, S. Chase, and Charles Carroll of Carrollton, commissioners in Canada; for value by them received there, and employed in the public service.

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the assemblies and conventions of the colonies, requested to supply or furnish militia by the resolutions of yesterday, to take particular care that the militias come provided with arms, accoutrements, and camp kettles.

A letter of the 3d from William Palfrey, paymaster general, was laid before Congress and read;

*Resolved*, That it be referred to the committee, to whom the letters received the 21st of May last were committed.

A letter of the 31st of May from John Macpherson, was laid before Congress and read;

*Resolved*, That it be referred to Mr. Read, and Mr. McKean, who are directed to confer with Mr. Macpherson.

A petition from colonel Turbutt Francis, was presented to Congress and read;

*Resolved*, That it be referred to a committee of seven :

The members chosen, Mr. Hewes, Mr. Harrison, Mr. W. Livingston, Mr. Wythe, Mr. R. R. Livingston, Mr. Lynch, and Mr. Braxton.

*Resolved*, That the secret committee be directed to deliver the muskets lately imported, to colonel Shee for the use of his battalion.

*Resolved*,

*Resolved*, That captain Herman Allen, have leave to withdraw the petition by him delivered in behalf of the inhabitants of the New-Hampshire grants, he representing that he has left at home some papers and vouchers necessary to support the allegations therein contained.

*Resolved*, That the committee of safety of Pennsylvania be empowered to negotiate with captain Bellew on the best terms they can for an exchange of the prisoners on board the Liverpool; provided always, that this shall not be construed so as to enable them to deliver up lieutenant Bogar and lieutenant Ball in the exchange.

Agreeable to order, Congress resolved itself into a committee of the whole, to take into their farther consideration the reports of the committee of conference, and after some time spent thereon, the president resumed the chair, and Mr. Harrison reported that the committee have taken into their farther consideration the matters to them referred, and have come to some farther resolutions thereon, but not having yet come to a conclusion, directed him to move for leave to sit again.

The resolutions agreed to by the committee of the whole Congress being read,

*Resolved*, That the consideration thereof be postponed till to-morrow.

*Resolved*, That this Congress will to-morrow again resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into their farther consideration the reports of the committee of conference.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, June 5, 1776.

A letter of the 2d from major general Putnam, with sundry letters and papers inclosed, was laid before Congress and read;

*Resolved*, That the same be referred to the committee on prisoners.

A letter from the committee of Greenwich in Cumberland county, in New-Jersey, dated the 3d, was laid before Congress and read, informing that the sloop Betsy and Ann, B. T. master; was arrived there from Bermudas, with 1700 bushels of salt, and two puncheons of rum, which he is desirous of exchanging for provisions, which the inhabitants of Bermudas are in extreme want of; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the said master be allowed to exchange his cargo for provisions, and to export the same under the inspection and direction of the committee of Greenwich, who are desired to take an oath or such other security as they think proper of the said master, that he will carry the same to the islands of Bermudas, and will use his utmost endeavours to avoid all English men of war and cutters.

Congress

Congress took into consideration the report from the committee of the whole; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That a committee of five be appointed to consider what is proper to be done with persons giving intelligence to the enemy or supplying them with provisions:

The members chosen, Mr. J. Adams, Mr. Jefferson, Mr. Rutledge, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. R. Livingston.

*Resolved*, That the deputy commissaries general, deputy quarter masters general, deputy adjutants general, and deputy muster masters general make regular returns and reports to Congress, and to the respective officers to whom they are deputies, at least once a month, and that the principals also make returns to Congress at the same periods:

That the pay master general, and the deputy pay masters general, make monthly returns to Congress of their expenditures, and the state of the military chests in their several departments:

That the flying camp be under the command of such continental general officers as the commander in chief shall direct:

That expresses be established between the several continental posts:

That the militia when in service be regularly paid and victualled in the same manner as the continental troops:

That the aids de camp of the commander in chief rank as lieutenant colonels:

That the aids de camp of major generals rank as majors:

That Robert Hanson Harrison, Esq; have the rank of lieutenant colonel in the continental army:

That the assistant quarter masters be allowed captains pay:

That the pay of regimental surgeons be augmented to thirty three dollars and one third of a dollar a month.

*Resolved*, That a committee to consist of one member from each colony be appointed to consider of ways and means of establishing expresses between the several continental posts:

The members are, Mr. Bartlett, Mr. S. Adams, Mr. Ellery, Mr. Woolcot, Mr. Lewis, Mr. W. Livingston, Mr. Franklin, Mr. Rodney, Mr. Rogers, Mr. Braxton, Mr. Hewes. Mr. Lynch, jun. and Mr. Gwinnet.

Congress then proceeded to the election of an adjutant general, and quarter master general, to fill up the vacancies in those offices, when the ballots being taken and examined,

Joseph Reed, Esq. was elected adjutant general, and

Stephen Moylan, Esq. was elected quarter master general.

*Resolved*, That Joseph Reed, Esq. have the pay of 125 dollars a month, and the rank of a colonel:

That Stephen Moylan, Esq. have the pay of 80 dollars a month, and the rank of colonel.

*Resolved*, That the election of major generals be postponed.

*Resolved*, That no person shall be appointed to any place of profit,

unless the person to be appointed shall have a majority of the voices of the colonies represented at the time of the election.

Congress then proceeded to the election of two brigadier generals when the ballots being taken the following gentlemen were duly elected:

John Whitecombe, Esq.

Hugh Mercer, Esq.

The order of the day, and the several matters to this day referred being postponed.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to morrow.

THURSDAY, June 6. 1776.

Sundry letters were laid before Congress and read, viz.

Two from major gen Schuyler of the 31st May, and 1st June:

One from the commissioners in Canada, of the 27th and 28th of May:

Three from general Thomas, of which two to the commissioners of the 15th and 20th May, and one to general Wooster of the 27th of the same month:

Three from brigadier general Arnold of the 17th 25th and 27th of May, to the commissioners in Canada, inclosing a cartel entered into between him and capt. Foster for exchange of prisoners:

One from brigadier general Thompson of the 25th of said month to the commissioners.

*Resolved*, That a copy of the letter from the commissioners be sent to general Washington:

That brigadier general Wooster be directed immediately to repair to head quarters at New York:

That the letters received and read be referred to a committee of five:

The members chosen, Mr Sherman, Mr Wythe, Mr Seargeant, Mr. F. Lee, and Mr. Gwinnet.

The draught of a speech to be delivered to the indians being read was agreed to:

*Resolved*, That the delivery of it be deferred for some days.

The committee of claims reported that there is due,

To captain William West, for expences in conducting money to Williamsburg, horse hire, &c. included, the sum of  $219\frac{4}{9}$  dollars:

To Melchior Meng, for twenty one days hire of his waggon and horses carrying money to Virginia, the sum of 42 dollars:

To Benjamin Towne, the sum of  $26\frac{2}{9}$  dollars for cartouch-boxes, being so much paid him less than the price contracted for:

To Robert Porter, for accoutrements for colonel Hartley's regiment, the sum of  $18\frac{6}{9}$  dollars, and that the same ought to be charged to the said regiment;

To John Kuntz, the sum of  $21\frac{4}{9}$  dollars, of which sum there is due



due for entertaining general Lee's guards the sum of  $16\frac{6}{9}$  dollars, and for expressees, the sum of  $107\frac{0}{9}$  dollars:

To Michael Stadleman, for entertaining general Lee's guard, the sum of  $11\frac{3}{9}$  dollars:

To Benjamin Smith, for board and accomodations for prifoners at Trenton, the sum of  $31\frac{4}{9}$  dollars, which became due before the regulation of Congress determining the price of their board, took place:

For expences in apprehending Henry Edwin Stanhope and George Gregory, who broke their parole and ran away from Northampton in Connecticut, the sum of  $47\frac{8}{9}$  dollars and that the same ought to be charged to the said Stanhope and Gregory:

*Ordered*, That the said accounts be paid.

The marine committee having recommended sundry gentlemen for captains and subaltern officers for the ships building or built for the continent:

*Resolved*, That Thomas Thompson be appointed captain of the frigate built in New Hampshire:

John Hopkins and } for those building in Rhode Island:  
Samuel Tomkins }

Christopher Miller for one of those building at New York:

Nicholas Biddle }

John Barry }

Thomas Read }

Charles Alexander }

James Nicholson for that building in Maryland.

*Resolved*, That the names of the thirteen frigates be the Congress, Randolph, Hancock, Washington, Trumbull, Raleigh, Effingham, Montgomery, Warren, Boston, Virginia, Providence, and Delaware.

*Resolved*, That Israel Turner be first lieutenant, Joseph Doble second lieutenant, Mark Dennet third lieutenant of capt. Manly's ship.

*Resolved*, That the marine committee be impowered to affix the names to each particular ship, and determine the vessel, which each captain is to take command of:

That the marine committee be impowered and directed to consider the propriety of building two more ships of war and their size and report to Congress.

*Resolved*, That three members be added to the committee appointed to devise ways and means for raising ten millions of dollars voted the 6th. of May:

The members chosen, Mr. Braxton, Mr. R. Livingston, and Mr. Tilghman.

*Resolved*, That Doctor Jonathan Potts be employed as a physician and surgeon in the Canada department, or at lake George as the general

general shall direct, but that this appointment shall not supercede Doct. Stringer.

*Resolved*, That an express be sent to Hugh Mercer, Esq; who was yesterday appointed a brigadier general, with his commission, and that he be desired immediately to repair to head quarters at New-York.

A memorial of Jacob Ummensetter was presented to Congress and read:

*Resolved*, That it be referred to the committee appointed to contract for the casting of cannon.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, *June 7, 1776.*

The committee to whom was referred the letter from Esek Hopkins, commodore of the continental fleet, dated Providence, May 22d, brought in their report, which being taken into consideration was agreed to; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That Mr. Charles Walker of New-Providence, be paid the value of the sloop Endeavour, as also of four tons of lignum vitæ, and one hundred cedar posts, taken by the said commodore, for the use of the colonies, and the damages the said Walker has sustained by the taking and detention of the said vessel, lignum vitæ and posts; the said Walker giving a full acquittance for the said vessel, goods and damages.

*Resolved*, That the governor of the colony of Connecticut be requested to appoint judicious and disinterested persons to appraise the vessel and goods aforesaid, at the time when they were taken, for the service of the colonies, and to estimate the full damages sustained by the said Walker, and report to this Congress forthwith, that the said Walker may be indemnified by this Congress.

*Resolved*, That the said Walker have his election to receive his vessel again, and the hire of her, and his damages, or the value of her to be ascertained as aforesaid.

Congress took into consideration the report of the committee on the resolutions of the convention of South-Carolina, respecting the battalions raised in that colony, and after some debate,

*Resolved*, That it be recommitted.

Congress being informed that complaint is made with respect to the powder manufactured at Oswald Eve's mill:

*Resolved*, That Mr. Wisner, Mr. Paine, and Mr. R. Livingston be a committee to inquire into the defect, and take measures to have it remedied.

Certain resolutions respecting Independency being moved and seconded,

*Resolved*, That the consideration of them be referred till to-morrow morning; and that the members be enjoined to attend punctually

ally at ten o'clock, in order to take the same into their consideration.

The committee to whom was referred the consideration of the attempt made to counterfeit the bills of credit emitted by Congress, brought in their report :

Ordered to lie on the table for consideration.

The several matters to this day referred being postponed :

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

SATURDAY, June 8. 1776.

*Resolved*, That the resolutions respecting Independency be referred to a committee of the whole Congress:

The Congress then resolved itself into a committee of the whole, and after some time the president resumed the chair, and Mr. Harrison reported that the committee have taken into consideration the matter to them referred, but not having come to any resolution thereon, directed him to move for leave to sit again on Monday.

*Resolved*, That this Congress will on Monday next, at 10 o'clock, resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into their farther consideration the resolutions referred to them.

A petition of John Bayard, Joseph Deane, and William Erskine, being presented to Congress and read.

*Resolved*, That the secret committee be directed to sell the petitioners 550 lb. of powder, and 400 lb. of swivel and grape-shot for the use of their privateer Hancock, and also 750 lb. of powder before applied for.

The several matters to this day referred being postponed :

Adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday.

MONDAY, June 10, 1776.

Sundry letters were laid before Congress and read, viz.

Two from general Washington of the 7th and 8th, together with copies of twenty one letters and papers from general Schuyler and others:

One from the commissioners in Canada, of the 17th of May; and

One from captain Herman Allen.

*Resolved*, That the said letters and papers be referred to the committee appointed on the 6th, to consider sundry letters that day read.

A letter from Stephen Moylan, Esq; expressing his grateful thanks to Congress for appointing him to the office of quartermaster general; and a letter from the convention of New-York of the 7th, were laid before Congress and read.

*Resolved*, That the pay of the continental troops in the middle department be henceforth the same as that of the troops in the eastern.

*Resolved*

*Resolved*, That to-morrow be assigned for the appointment of a deputy pay-master general for the eastern department.

Agreeable to order, the Congress resolved itself into a committee of the whole, to take into their farther consideration the resolutions to them referred, and after some time spent thereon, the president resumed the chair, and Mr. Harrison reported that the committee have had under consideration the matters referred to them, and have come to a resolution thereon, which they directed him to report.

The resolution agreed to in committee of the whole Congress being read,

*Resolved*, That the consideration of the first resolution be postponed to Monday the first day of July next; and in the mean while, that no time be lost, in case the Congress agree thereto, that a committee be appointed to prepare a declaration to the effect of the said first resolution, which is in these words, "That these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and Independent states; that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British crown; and that all political connection between them and the state of Great-Britain is, and ought to be totally dissolved."

The several matters to this day referred being postponed :

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

#### TUESDAY, June 11. 1776.

Two letters of the 9th and 10th from general Washington were read and referred to the committee appointed on the 6th.

A letter from H. E. Stanhope of the 11th, and one from E. Webb of the 12th of May, both dated from Northampton goal; also one from Mrs. Connolly, were read :

*Resolved*, That these be referred to the committee on prisoners.

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to consider of a compensation to the secretary for his services :

The members chosen, Mr. J. Adams, Mr. Rutledge, and Mr. Hewes.

*Resolved*, That an order for 10,000 dollars be drawn on the treasurer, in favour of Carpenter Wharton, for the use of the Pennsylvania battalions, he to be accountable.

*Resolved*, That the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars be paid the indian interpreter for his services, and to defray his expences.

The present for the indians being provided, they were called in, and the speech agreed to was delivered as follows :

"Brothers, We hope the friendship that is between you and us will be firm, and continue as long as the sun shall shine, and the waters run, that we and you may be as one people, and have but one heart, and be kind to one another as brethren.

Brothers, The king of Great-Britain hearkening to the evil council of some of his foolish young men, is angry with us, because



cause we will not let him take away from us our land and all that we have, and give it to them, and because we will not do every thing that he bids us, and hath hindered his people from bringing goods to us, but we have made provision for getting such a quantity of them, that we hope we shall be able to supply your wants as formerly.

Brothers, We shall order all our warriors and young men not to hurt you or any of your kindred, and we hope you will not suffer any of your young men to join with our enemies, or to do any wrong to us, that nothing may happen to make any quarrel between us.

Brothers, We desire you to accept a few necessaries, which we present you with, as tokens of our good will towards you."

The presents being delivered, the indian chief begged leave to give a name to the president; the same being granted, an Onondago chief arose, and saluted the president by the name of Karanduaân, or the *Great Tree*, by which name he informed him the president will be known among the six nations.

After which the indians took their leave and withdrew.

A letter from brigadier general Sullivan, dated at St. Johns, June 1, was laid before Congress and read.

*Resolved*, That colonel Shee and colonel Magaw, be ordered immediately to march with their regiments to New-York.

*Resolved*, That the secret committee be directed to lend the committee of safety of Pennsylvania, four tons of powder.

*Resolved*, That letters be sent by express to the several colonies who are to furnish militia for the defence of New-York, acquainting them of the necessity of forwarding the supplies with all possible dispatch.

*Resolved*, That the committee for preparing the declaration consist of five :

The members chosen, Mr. Jefferson, Mr. J. Adams, Mr. Franklin, Mr. Sherman, and Mr. R. R. Livingston.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to prepare and digest the form of a confederation to be entered into between these colonies.

That a committee be appointed to prepare a plan of treaties to be proposed to foreign powers.

Mr. Chase, and Mr. Carroll of Carrollton, two of the commissioners being arrived from Canada, attended and gave an account of their proceedings, and the state of the army in that country.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed :

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, June 12, 1776.

Colonel Roberdeau, on behalf of the owners of the privateers which have taken some prizes, on board of which was a quantity of

of dollars to the amount of 22,000, having tendered to Congress the moiety belonging to them, in exchange for continental bills of credit :

*Resolved*, That their offer be accepted, and that application be made to the agent for the men, for the moiety belonging to them, and that continental money be given them in lieu thereof.

Congress proceeded to the election of a deputy pay master general for the eastern department, and the ballots being taken,

Ebenezer Hancock was elected unanimously.

*Resolved*, That the sum of 150,000 dollars be sent to Mr. E. Hancock, deputy paymaster general for the use of the continental troops in the eastern department.

The committee, to whom colonel Hand's letter of the 3d of May last was referred, brought in their report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That general Washington be directed to order the rifles of such men belonging to the rifle regiment as will not relinquit to be purchased, and that the general order the payment out of the military chest :

That the rifle regiment be allowed a drummer and fifer to each company :

That 9000 dollars be advanced to colonel Hand, to purchase an uniform for the rifle regiment, the said sum to be stopped out of the pay of the said regiment.

*Resolved*, That captain Grier, who is returned from Virginia with his detachment and a number of recruits, be directed to join the battalions on their march to New-York, and that Mr. C. Wharton be directed to supply them with rations.

*Resolved*, That the secret committee be directed to deliver to colonel Magaw, for the use of his battalion, the 191 muskets sent up by captain Barry.

*Resolved*, That the committee to prepare and digest the form of a confederation to be entered into between these colonies, consist of a member from each colony :

The members appointed, Mr. Bartlett, Mr. S. Adams, Mr. Hopkins, Mr. Sherman, Mr. R. R. Livingston, Mr. Dickinson, Mr. McKean, Mr. Stone, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Hewes, Mr. E. Rutledge, and Mr. Gwinnet.

*Resolved*, That the committee to prepare a plan of treaties to be proposed to foreign powers consist of five :

The members chosen, Mr. Dickinson, Mr. Franklin, Mr. J. Adams, Mr. Harrison, and Mr. R. Morris.

Congress took into consideration the report of the committee on a war office; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That a committee of Congress be appointed by the name of a board of war and ordinance, to consist of five members.

That

That a secretary, and one or more clerks be appointed by Congress, with competent salaries, to assist the said board in executing the business of their department :

That it shall be the duty of the said board, to obtain and keep an alphabetical and accurate register of the names of all officers of the land forces in the service of the United Colonies, with their rank and the dates of their respective commissions ; and also regular accounts of the state and disposition of the troops in the respective colonies, for which purpose the generals and officers commanding in the different departments and posts, are to cause regular returns to be made into the said war office :

That they shall obtain and keep exact accounts of all the artillery, arms, ammunition and warlike stores, belonging to the United Colonies, and of the manner in which, and the places where the same shall from time to time be lodged and employed ; and that they shall have the immediate care of all such artillery, arms, ammunition, and warlike stores, as shall not be employed in actual service ; for preserving whereof, they shall have power to hire proper magazines at the public expence :

That they shall have the care of forwarding all dispatches from Congress to the colonies and armies, and all monies to be transmitted for the public service by order of Congress ; and of providing suitable escorts and guards for the safe conveyance of such dispatches and monies, when it shall appear to them to be necessary ;

That they shall superintend the raising, fitting out, and dispatching all such land forces as may be ordered for the service of the United Colonies :

That they shall have the care and direction of all prisoners of war, agreeable to the orders and regulations of Congress :

That they shall keep and preserve in the said office in regular order, all original letters and papers, which shall come into the said office by order of Congress or otherwise, and shall also cause all draughts of letters and dispatches to be made or transcribed in books to be set apart for that purpose, and shall cause fair entries in like manner to be made, and registers preserved of all other business, which shall be transacted in the said office :

That before the secretary or any clerk of the war office shall enter on his office, they shall respectively take and subscribe the following oath, a certificate whereof shall be filed in the said office,

“ I A. B. do solemnly swear, that I will not directly or indirectly, divulge any matter or thing, which shall come to my knowledge as secretary of the board of war and ordinance, (or clerk of the board of war and ordinance) established by Congress, without the leave of the said board of war and ordinance, and that I will faithfully execute my said office according to the best of my skill and judgment. So help me God.”

That the said board of war be authorized to hire suitable apartments, and provide books, papers, and other necessaries at the continental expence, for carrying on the business of the said office.

The committee to whom the several letters from the commissioners in Canada, and major general Schuyler, with the papers enclosed therein were referred, brought in their report, which was read.

The commissioners to Canada also brought in a report in writing, which was read.

*Resolved*, That the said two reports be referred to the committee of the whole Congress.

Congress then resolved itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the reports to them referred, and after some time spent thereon, the president resumed the chair, and Mr. Harrison reported, that the committee have made some progress in the matters referred to them, but not having finished, directed him to move for leave to sit again.

*Resolved*, That this Congress will to-morrow again resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into their farther consideration the reports referred to them.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, June 13, 1776.

A letter from Mr. McKean dated 2 o'clock this morning, and a letter from the committee of Lewis-town of the 11th, were laid before Congress and read; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the secret committee be directed to forward one ton of gun powder, and a proportionable quantity of lead, if to be got, to the committee of safety of the counties on Delaware, for the use of the militia in that government:

That it be recommended to the assembly of Pennsylvania immediately to order a battalion of the provincial rifle men to march to the assistance of the militia in Delaware government:

That it be recommended to the assembly or committee of safety of Delaware government, to cause all the disaffected in their colony to be disarmed, and the arms to be disposed of agreeable to a former resolution of Congress:

That the commanding officer of the rifle battalion of associators in this city, be requested to order a company of the said battalion to escort the powder sent to the Delaware government, until they shall reach the provincial battalion of riflemen, ordered to march to the assistance of the Delaware militia.

A letter from James McLene, chairman of the committee of Shippensburg, enclosing certain resolutions respecting some powder they have stopped, which was sent by Mr. L. Morris to George Morgan, Esq; at Pittsburg, was laid before Congress and read.

*Resolved*,



*Resolved*, That the president return an answer, and inform the committee, that the powder was sent to G. Morgan, Esq; by order of Congress, and request them to use their endeavours to have the same forwarded with all safety and dispatch to Mr. Morgan at Pittsburg.

A letter of the 11th from the convention of New-York was also read, and referred to the committee appointed the 6th.

*Resolved*, That the secret committee be directed to stop the exportation of any salted provisions, which they may have ordered to be made from New-York.

*Resolved*, That the secret committee be directed to deliver 100 lb. of powder to the order of the committee appointed to contract for the casting of cannon.

*Resolved*, That an order for 600 dollars be drawn on the treasurers, in favour of captain James Grier, he to be accountable for the same, and to render an account thereof to the paymaster general, upon his arrival at New-York.

*Resolved*, That the pay of the secretary of the board of war and ordinance, be at the rate of 800 dollars a year.

Congress having proceeded to the election of a committee to form the board of war and ordinance, the following members were chosen,

Mr. J. Adams, Mr. Sherman, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. E. Rutledge :

Richard Peters, Esq; was elected secretary of the said board.

The committee on qualifications having recommended Doctor Benjamin Allison, as surgeon to the first Pennsylvania battalion now in Canada,

George Tudor, to be captain of the company lately commanded by Walter Stewart, in the third Pennsylvania battalion,

Mr. John Duguid, as a first lieutenant in the said third battalion,

Mr. Herman Stout, as a second lieutenant in the said battalion, And Mr. Andrew Graydon, as an ensign in the said battalion :

*Resolved*, That they be accepted, and that commissions be granted to them accordingly.

Congress then resolved itself into a committee of the whole, to take into their farther consideration the reports to them referred, and after some time spent thereon, the president resumed the chair, and Mr. Harrison reported, that the committee have made some farther progress in the matters referred to them, but not having yet come to a conclusion, desired him to move for leave to sit again.

*Resolved*, That this Congress will to-morrow again resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into their farther consideration the reports to them referred.

The marine committee reported, that complaints are made against commodore E. Hopkins, captain Saltonstall, and capt. Whipple,

ple, for breach of orders and other mal-practices; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the marine committee be directed to inform commodore E. Hopkins, captain Saltonstall, and captain Whipple, of the complaints lodged against them, and order them immediately to repair to Philadelphia, to answer for their conduct.

*Resolved*, That in case the enemy's ships of war attempt to come up the river Delaware, that the secret committee be impowered and directed to deliver such a quantity of powder as they shall judge necessary to the committee of safety of Pennsylvania.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, June 14, 1776.

*Resolved*, That an order for 1500 dollars be drawn on the treasurers, in favour of Mr. George Evans, commissary; for the use of the continental troops in Delaware government, he to be accountable.

A letter of the 10th from the committee of safety of Maryland, was laid before Congress and read; also a letter of the 16th of May from the commissioners in Canada, recommending major Dubois to the notice of Congress for promotion.

*Resolved*, That the commanding officer in the barracks be directed to deliver the prisoner in his custody to the committee of safety of Pennsylvania, who are desired to treat him agreeable to former resolutions of Congress.

A letter of the 13th from general Washington, inclosing two letters from major general Schuyler of the 8th, and sundry other letters and papers was laid before Congress and read:

*Resolved*, That the same be referred to the standing committee on indian affairs, and that the committee be directed to sit forthwith.

A letter of the 13th from W. Livingston, inclosing a letter from Thomas Little of the 2d, was laid before Congress and read:

*Resolved*, That they be referred to the committee appointed to inquire into and remedy the defects of the powder manufactured at Mr. O. Eve's mill.

The committee, to whom were referred the letters from general Washington of the 9th and 10th, and a letter from the president of the convention of New-York, with the papers inclosed, brought in their report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the convention of the colony of New-York, to make effectual provision for detecting, restraining, and punishing disaffected and dangerous persons in that colony, and to prevent all persons from having any intercourse or correspondence with the enemy; and that general Washington afford his aid therein, when necessary.

Whereas it has been represented to this Congress, that great quantities of salted beef and pork have been purchased for exportation

tion which if not restrained may render the supplies of the army difficult and uncertain:

*Resolved*, therefore, That no salted beef or pork, except as much as may be necessary for the use of the crew, be exported from any of the United Colonies in any vessel, under any pretence whatever, until the further order of this Congress.

The committee appointed to consider of a compensation to the secretary for his services, brought in their report, which was agreed to as follows:

That the sum of one thousand two hundred dollars be granted and paid out of the public treasury to Charles Thompson, secretary to the United Colonies, in consideration of his faithful services for one year, ending the 10th. of May last.

The committee, to whom general Washington's letter of the 15th, and major general Schuyler's of the 8th, were referred brought in their report which was taken into consideration: whereupon,

*Resolved*, That general Schuyler and the other commissioners for indian affairs in the northern department be directed immediately to hold a conference with the six nations; to engage them in our interest upon the best terms that can be procured, and treat with them on the principles and in the decisive manner mentioned in his letter:

That general Schuyler's preparations for immediately taking post at fort Stanwix and erecting a fortification there be approved of; and that general Washington be instructed to give him directions for carrying that measure into execution.

*Resolved*, That the committee on spies be directed to revise the rules and articles of war, and to make such additions and alterations as they may judge proper, and lay the same before Congress for their consideration.

A petition from Mrs. \*\*\*, was presented to Congress and read:

*Resolved*, That it be referred to the committee on spies.

A memorial from the committee of safety of Pennsylvania was presented to Congress and read; setting forth, that a committee of the assembly accompanied by the general officers lately in town, and a skilful engineer, have viewed the river Delaware, and the fortifications and defences erected at the expence of the colony of Pennsylvania, to oppose and prevent the passage of the enemy's ships; and that they have judged it necessary for farther security that a redoubt should be erected at Billingsport on the New-Jersey side, and that a boom should be there thrown across, or some other obstructions fixed in the channel; and praying as the place for the redoubt is out of their government and as their colony has expended a very large sum for the defence of the river, that the Congress would direct the works to be done at the continental expence; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the committee of safety of Pennsylvania be empowered, at the continental expence, to erect the redoubt and to fix the boom or other obstructions at the places aforesaid.

Thomas



Thomas Bales, blacksmith, proposing to supply the continental troops with a quantity of camp kettles of sheet iron at one and one-third dollar each, provided he can have credit for five tons of sheet iron.

*Resolved*, That Timothy Matlack, Esq. be directed to write to Thomas Mayberry of Mountholly, the manufacturer of sheet iron, to send down to him five tons of sheet iron, for which he will be paid on the delivery; and that Mr. Matlack be directed to receive the said iron, and deliver it out as it may be wanted to Thomas Bales, and receive the kettles as fast as made.

The matters to this day referred being postponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

SATURDAY, June 15. 1776.

Sundry letters were laid before Congress and read, viz.

One from Mr. M<sup>c</sup>Kean of the 13th. and one from Mr. P. Peters:

One from general Washington of the 14th, inclosing the copy of a letter from general Schuyler of the 10th, and sundry other papers:

One from governor Trumbull of the 10th, with sundry papers inclosed:

One from David Waterbury of the 6th, with accounts inclosed.

*Resolved*, That the letter from D. Waterbury, with the accounts inclosed, be referred to the committee of claims.

A letter from the committee of safety of Virginia, of the 5th, informing of the arrival of five tons of powder, on account of the continent, was read; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That one half of the said continental powder be left in Virginia, and the other half forwarded to the commanding officer in South-Carolina.

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to take into consideration the state of Georgia, and report thereon to Congress:

The members chosen Mr. Hopkins, Mr. Harrison and Mr. S. Adams.

The marine committee having recommended

Mr. Hector M<sup>c</sup>Neal to command the frigate Boston;

Mr. John Brown to be lieutenant of the same;

Mr. Thomas Grennel to command the frigate Montgomery;

*Resolved*, That they be accepted, and that commissions be granted to them accordingly.

A memorial from the owners of four private ships of war, fitted and fitting out in Philadelphia, was presented to Congress and read:

Ordered to lie on the table.

The committee of claims reported, that there is due,

For expences of sick men belonging to the 6th Pennsylvania battalion, the sum of  $58\frac{3}{8}$  dollars, and that the same ought to be paid to captain Samuel Benezet:

To



To Hugh Hodge, for fundry necessaries for the sick of the third Pennsylvania battalion, the sum of  $34\frac{1}{9}\frac{5}{9}$  dollars :

To Robert Erwin, waggon-master, for transporting salt-petre from Egg-harbour to Cooper's ferry, the sum of  $210\frac{7}{9}\frac{0}{9}$  dollars :

To Peter Agnew, for repairing arms for the fifth Pennsylvania battalion, the sum of  $11\frac{3}{9}\frac{6}{9}$  dollars.

The said committee farther reported, That Peter Noble, a soldier belonging to colonel Hinman's battalion, (captain Watson's company) who was taken prisoner near Montreal, with colonel Eathan Allen, ought to have the sum of 40 dollars advanced to him and his receipt taken for the same, as part of his pay.

*Ordered*, That the said accounts be paid.

It being represented to Congress, that a number of officers, whose men left them last winter in Canada, and who remained and served there during the whole winter, were returned, and were desirous of being some way employed and provided for :

*Resolved*, That this case be referred to the board of war and ordinance, who are desired to fit as soon as conveniently they can, and report thereon to Congress.

*Resolved*, That the president write to governor Trumbull, desiring that he will deliver to the agent of the committee of safety of Pennsylvania, the cannon and trucks ordered by Congress to be taken from New-London, and that he be informed the Congress expect this resolution will be immediately complied with.

*Resolved*, That the letters from governor Trumbull, general Washington and general Schuyler, be referred to the board of war and ordinance.

*Resolved*, That the report of the committee on general Washington's letters of the 9th and 10th, which was left unfinished, together with the amendments moved and seconded, be referred to the committee of the whole Congress.

The Congress then resolved itself into a committee of the whole, to take into their farther consideration the reports referred to them, and after some time spent thereon, the president resumed the chair, and Mr. Harrison reported that the committee have had under consideration the matters to them referred, and have come to sundry resolutions thereon, which they ordered him to report ; but not having yet finished, desired him to move for leave to sit again.

The report from the committee of the whole being delivered in,

*Resolved*, That a committee of four be appointed to digest and arrange the several resolutions agreed to in the committee of the whole, in order to be laid before Congress; and that the committee of the whole be discharged of the reports, so far as they relate to the cartel entered into between brigadier general Arnold and captain Forster for an exchange of prisoners, and that the same be referred to the committee now to be appointed:

The

The members chosen, Mr. Jefferson, Mr. Braxton, Mr. Paine, and Mr. Middleton.

*Resolved*, That this Congress will on Monday next again resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into their farther consideration the reports to them referred.

Adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday.

MONDAY, *June 17.* 1776.

A letter of the 7th of May from brigadier general Armstrong; and one of the 6th of June from the committee of Albany, were laid before Congress and read.

The board of war and ordinance, to whom the letter from governor Trumbull of the 10th of June was referred, brought in their report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the governor and assembly of Connecticut, to send the two battalions mentioned in the said letter as raised, one for Boston, and one for New-York, into Canada forthwith, as proposed in the said letter; and that a battalion of militia be sent to Boston, instead of the one intended for that place:

That blank commissions be sent to governor Trumbull, for the officers of the battalion intended for New-York; the present exigency requiring this measure, the same not to be drawn into precedent:

That 10,500 dollars be paid into the hands of the delegates of Connecticut, to be sent to that colony, to defray the expences of raising the said regiment:

That governor Trumbull be informed, that Congress are of opinion, that the provision made by the late act of assembly of Connecticut, for the purpose of engaging one third of the militia on the sea coast, and one fourth in the interior part of that colony, for the defence thereof, and of the neighbouring colonies, will by no means answer the object the Congress had in view by their resolution of the 3d of June; and request that such steps be taken by the assembly of that colony, as shall seem to them most likely to carry into effect the said requisition.

*Resolved*, That commissions be granted to the officers appointed by the assembly of Connecticut for the regiment ordered to be raised in that colony, for the service of the continent.

*Resolved*, That the secret committee be directed to sell two tons of gun-powder to the convention of New-Jersey, for the use of their militia.

The committee appointed to digest and methodize the resolutions entered into by the committee of the whole, having performed that service, brought in their report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That an experienced general be immediately sent into Canada,

Canada, with power to appoint a deputy adjutant-general, a deputy muster-master general, and such other officers as he shall find necessary for the good of the service, and to fill up vacancies in the army in Canada, and notify the same to Congress for their approbation; that he also have power to suspend any officer there, till the pleasure of Congress be known, he giving his reasons for so doing in the orders of suspension, and transmitting to Congress as soon as possible, the charge against such officer; provided, that this power of suspending officers and filling up vacancies, shall not be continued beyond the first day of October next:

That general Washington be directed to send major general Gates into Canada, to take the command of the forces in that province:

That no officer fettle or sell to the soldiers, on penalty of being fined one month's pay, and dismissed the service with infamy, on conviction before a court-martial:

That the baggage of officers and soldiers be regulated conformably to the rules in the British armies:

That all sales of arms, ammunition, cloathing, and accoutrements made by soldiers, be void:

That no troops employed in Canada be disbanded there; that all soldiers in Canada ordered to be disbanded, or, whose times of enlistment being expired, shall refuse to re-enlist, shall be sent under proper officers to Ticonderoga, or such other post on the lakes as the general shall direct, where they shall be mustered, and the arms, accoutrements, blankets, and utensils which they may have belonging to the public, shall be delivered up, and deposited in the public store:

That a deputy muster-master general be immediately sent into Canada:

That the local commissaries and quarter-masters, appointed at the different garrisons or posts, shall make weekly returns to the general, of the provisions and stores in the places at which they may happen to be stationed:

That the general officers, deputy quarter-master general, local commissaries, pay-master in Canada, and all other persons there, who have received public monies, be ordered without delay to render and settle their accounts; on which settlement no general officer shall receive pay as colonel of a regiment, nor field officer as captain of a company:

That general Schuyler be directed to make a good waggon-road from fort Edward to Cheshire's; to clear Wood creek, and to construct a lock at Skenesborough, so as to have a continued navigation for batteaus from Cheshire's into lake Champlain; to erect a grand magazine at Cheshire's, and secure it by a stockade fort; to erect a saw-mill at Scoon creek; to order skilful persons to survey and take the level of the waters falling into Hudson's river near



fort Edward, and those which fall into Woodcreek and interlock with the former, particularly Jones' run and Half-way brook, the latter of which is said to discharge itself into Wood creek at Cheshire's; that he be directed to have a greater number of boats and hands kept on Hudson's river, at the different stations between Albany and fort Edward, in order to save the expence of waggonage; that he be empowered to appoint proper officers to superintend the carriage by land, and transportation by water, of provisions, military stores, and other things into Canada, that neither waste nor delay may arise therein; that he build, with all expedition, as many galleys and armed vessels as, in the opinion of himself and the general officer to be sent into Canada, shall be sufficient to make us indisputably masters of the lakes Champlain and George; and that for this purpose there be sent to him a master carpenter acquainted with the construction of the galleys used on the Delaware, who shall take with him other carpenters, and models also if requisite; and that it be submitted to general Schuyler, whether a temporary fortification or intrenched camp, either at Crownpoint or opposite Ticonderoga, may be necessary:

That the commissary-general be directed to supply the army in Canada with provisions, and to appoint proper officers under him to receive and issue the same at the several posts, taking the directions of the general; that he be empowered to contract with proper persons in Canada for supplying the army there with fresh provisions; that he be directed to purchase for them a quantity of Albany peas, and to furnish as much biscuit as may be necessary: And that his pay be raised to 150 dollars a month:

That the quarter-master general be directed to provide and forward such tents, cloathing, and utensils as are wanted for the army in Canada, subject to the direction of the commander in chief:

That general Washington be directed to send into Canada such small brass or iron field pieces as he can spare; that he be instructed to issue orders that no certificates be given in future by any but brigadiers, quarter masters and their deputies, or a field officer on a march or officer commanding at a detached post:

That letters be written to the conventions of New-Jersey and New York and to the assembly of Connecticut, recommending to them to authorise the commander in chief in the colony of New-York to call to the assistance of that colony, when necessity shall require it, such of the militia of those colonies as may be necessary; and to afford him such other assistance as the situation of affairs may require; and that it be further recommended to the convention of New York to empower the said commander in chief to impress carriages and water craft, when necessary for the public service, and also to remove ships and other vessels in Hudson's and the east rivers, for the purpose of securing them from the enemy:

That



That the companies of rifle men from Virginia and Maryland be regimented, and that the regiment be compleated to the original number of the Pennsylvania battalion :

That the Pennsylvania battalion of rifle men be compleated to their original establishment :

That two companies of the forces now in the Delaware government, be ordered to Cape May :

That the committee appointed to contract for cannon be directed to procure a number of brass or iron field pieces, to be made or purchased immediately :

That the committee appointed to provide medicines be directed to send a proper assortment of medicines to Canada :

That Mr. James Mease be directed to purchase and forward to the quarter master general in New-York, as much cloth for tents as he can procure :

That the committee appointed to provide stockings and shoes for the troops in Canada, be directed to purchase such other articles as may be wanted for the use of the soldiers in Canada, and send the same to Albany, that they may be forwarded to the army in Canada, and that they be particularly attentive to provide in time a sufficient number of leathern breeches and under waistcoats, and such other winter cloathing as may be necessary for them :

That the said committee be directed to forward with all expedition to the quarter master in Canada, such shoes as are already provided :

That prisoners taken by continental forces be not exchanged by any authority but the continental Congress :

That all vessels which sailed from the port or harbour of Boston, while the town of Boston was in possession of the enemy, having on board effects belonging to the enemies of America, and which have been or may be seized, be liable together with the said effects to confiscation, in the same manner and proportions as have been heretofore resolved by Congress :

That the continental agents in the respective Colonies, where no courts have been established for the trial of captures, have power and be directed to dispose at public sale, of such articles of a perishable nature, as shall be taken from the enemies of America, and that the money arising from such sale, be liable to the decree of such court whenever established :

That the inventory of the ordinance stores taken by captain Manly, be sent to general Washington, and that he be requested to appoint a person on the part of the colonies, to join one on the part of captain Manly and his crew, who, having first taken an oath for that purpose, shall proceed to value the same, and if they cannot agree in the value, they shall call in a third person to determine the same ; that the report of such persons be returned to Congress so soon as may be, and the value of the stores belonging

to captain Manly and his crew, be thereupon transmitted to them.

*Resolved*, That it be referred to the delegates of Maryland, Pennsylvania, New-Jersey, and New-York, to devise the mode of raising the battalion of Germans voted the 25th of May last.

*Resolved*, That the farther consideration of the report be postponed till to-morrow.

The committee to whom was referred the cartel between brigadier general Arnold and captain Forster for the exchange of prisoners, and the several papers relating thereto, brought in their report, which was read :

Ordered to lie on the table.

The committee on the petition of colonel Turbut Francis reported, that they had met on the business referred to them, that the indians refused to be examined or to give evidence on the matter, which prevented their proceeding, wherefore they desired to be discharged ;

*Resolved*, That they be discharged.

The committee on spies brought in their report, which was read :

Ordered to lie on the table.

The committee, to whom the letter from William Palfrey, Esq; paymaster general were referred, brought in their report which was read ; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the said letters with the weekly returns inclosed be delivered to the superintendants of the treasury, to be filed in the auditor general's office.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

#### TUESDAY, June 18, 1776.

Sundry letters were laid before Congress and read, viz.

One from general Washington of the 16th, inclosing one from general Ward of the 9th, and one from Wm. Palfrey of the 16th:

Three from general Schuyler of the 11th and 12th :

Two from brigadier general Sullivan of the 5th and 6th; and

Two from brigadier general Arnold of the 5th and 6th:

*Resolved*, That these be referred to the board of war and ordinance.

A letter from W. Palfrey with a weekly return was read :

*Ordered*, To be delivered to the superintendants of the treasury.

A letter from J. Trumbull, commissary general, of the 17th, informing, that he has found it necessary to order a quantity of flour to be purchased in Philadelphia, and that to pay for the same, he has drawn on the president in favour of Mr. Matthew Erwin, for 60,000 dollars, and as he shall be under the necessity of giving orders for purchasing pork and flour in Philadelphia, desiring to know whether he may, from time to time, continue to draw on the president for the payment of those articles :

*Resolved*,

*Resolved*, That the president pay such bills as are or may be drawn by Joseph Trumbull, Esq; for the purposes above mentioned, and that the same as paid be charged to his account.

A letter from the committee of safety of Pennsylvania, requesting the opinion of Congress, whether persons taken on board merchants ships and river craft, ought to be exchanged for seamen taken from the enemy's ships of war :

*Resolved*, That the president inform the committee of safety, that the Congress judge it improper that such exchange be made.

*Resolved*, That Gunning Bedford, Esq; deputy muster master general; be promoted to the rank of muster master general, and that he be directed immediately to repair to head quarters at New-York.

*Resolved*, That general Washington be impowered and directed, to nominate and send a deputy muster master general to Canada.

*Resolved*, That two members be added to the committee for superintending the treasury:

The members chosen, Mr. Hewes, and Mr. M'Kean.

A memorial from Dr. John Morgan, director general and chief physician of the hospital, was laid before Congress and read :

*Resolved*, That it be referred to the committee appointed to provide medicines.

The committee, to whom the report on the resolutions of the convention of South-Carolina respecting the battalions raised in that colony were re-committed, brought in their report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon the Congress came to the following resolutions :

Whereas the Congress on the 4th day of November last, resolved, that for the defence of South-Carolina there be kept up in that colony, at the continental expence three battalions of foot, each battalion to consist of the same number of men and officers, to be upon the same pay and under the same regulations as the continental army; and on the 25th day of March last resolved, that the convention or council of safety of South-Carolina be permitted to raise and embody two other battalions, and that they be on the pay and at the expence of the continent as soon as they shall be armed fit for service, and accordingly mustered; and whereas the convention of South-Carolina on the 22d day of February last, ordered that their council of safety return the thanks of that colony to the Congress for their attention to its security; that they state the peculiar circumstances and the heavy expences, which have been and will be incurred by that colony in the measures necessary for its defence, and that they request the Congress to allow that colony so much money as the expences of three battalions upon the continental establishment would amount to for one year, and to give continental rank to the officers of the three regiments raised in June, and of the regiment of artillery raised in November,

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from the dates of their respective commissions, or at least from the fourth day of November, when they resolved to allow that colony three battalions; and whereas the delegates from that colony in Congress have represented the peculiar circumstances and heavy expences of that colony; and that the troops raised in it were enlisted for three years, upon a different establishment of pay, and under different articles of war, so as to render it inconvenient to place them in all respects upon the continental establishment; therefore,

*Resolved*, That the battalion of artillery, and the two battalions of foot raised in South-Carolina, and kept up in that colony for the defence of the same, be considered as continental forces, and allowed the same pay, rations and disbursements as other forces on the continental establishment:

That the two battalions under the command of colonels Gadsden and Moultrie, be allowed all the advantages of the continental establishment, from the fourth of November last, and the regiment of artillery from the time when the same was ordered to be raised by the convention of South-Carolina:

That the two battalions of riflemen raised in and for the defence of the said colony, be considered as continental troops from the 25th day of March last, and be intitled to all the advantages of the same:

That all the above mentioned troops be liable to the articles for the government of the forces in the said colony:

That the said forces be continued on the continental establishment until the expiration of their enlistment, unless they shall be sooner disbanded by Congress:

That not more than one third of the effective men of the above-mentioned forces be ordered out of the said colony, without the express order of Congress, or the consent of the president of that colony.

*Resolved*, That Mr. Heyward and Mr. Hall, be added to the committee for providing medicines.

*Resolved*, That Mr. Rodgers be appointed a member of the marine committee.

*Resolved*, That a commissioner be appointed to settle in Canada the debts due on certificates, given by officers to the Canadians for carriages and other services; and to settle the accounts for such goods, as may have been seized through necessity for the use of the army; that it be given in instruction to him, to attend particularly to the case of Mr. Bernard, and that in settling the certified debts, he state carefully the names of all those who have given certificates, the nature of the service, and the time when performed, and return the whole when settled and stated to the committee of treasury, to be by them examined and discharged:

That Thursday next be assigned for electing the said commissioner.

*Resolved*,



*Resolved*, That no man in these colonies charged with being a tory, or unfriendly to the cause of American liberty, be injured in his person or property, or in any manner whatever disturbed, unless the proceeding against him be founded on an order of this Congress or the assembly, convention, council or committee of safety of the colony, or committee of inspection and observation of the district where he resides; provided that this resolution shall not prevent the apprehending any person found in the commission of some act destructive of American liberty, or justly suspected of a design to commit such act and intending to escape, and bringing such person before proper authority for examination and trial.

Information being given that some of the officers, who were prisoners at Lebanon, in the colony of Pennsylvania, have, in violation of the parole by them given and subscribed, made their escape;

*Resolved*, That it be referred to the board of war and ordinance to consider what steps are necessary to be taken on the occasion.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, June 19, 1776.

A letter from the convention of New-Jersey of the 18th, inclosing an ordinance for raising 3300 militia for the defence of New-York, together with their proceedings in apprehending William Franklin, Esq; late governor of that colony, was laid before Congress and read; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the convention of New-Jersey, to proceed on the examination of Mr. Franklin, and if upon such examination they shall be of opinion that he should be confined, to report such opinion to this Congress, and then the Congress will direct the place of his confinement, they concurring in sentiment with the convention of New-Jersey, that it would be improper to confine him in that colony.

The board of war and ordinance, to whom sundry letters and papers were referred, particularly one from general Washington of the 16th, brought in their report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the commissions granted by brigadier general Sullivan, to sundry officers in Canada, mentioned in general Washington's letter, be approved and confirmed; provided general Gates and the general officers in Canada, on consultation, shall think the measure will conduce to the public service:

That 300,000 dollars be sent to the paymaster general at New-York, for the use of the army.

The committee of claims reported, that there is due,

To John Jervis, for horse-hire, ferriages, &c. the sum of 33 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>9</sub> <sup>0</sup>/<sub>0</sub> dollars:

To

To John Bruce, the sum of  $13\frac{3}{9}\frac{6}{0}$  dollars, being the balance of his bill for cartouch boxes:

To Joseph Fernaur, the sum of  $17\frac{3}{9}\frac{0}{0}$  dollars, the balance of his bill for tin cartouch boxes:

To Sacheveral Wood, the Sum of  $187\frac{2}{9}\frac{6}{0}$  dollars, for victualling prisoners confined in gaol by order of Congress:

To George Reinhart, for the carriage of powder, arms and bullets, the sum of  $20\frac{4}{9}\frac{8}{0}$  dollars:

To Thomas Harvey, for cash paid by him for guards of powder waggons, and also his bills for ferriages, the hire of waggons, &c. the sum of  $27\frac{2}{9}\frac{0}{0}$  dollars, and that the same ought to be paid to Samuel Hillegas, Esq:

To Mary Thomas, for nursing and boarding two of captain Benezet's men in the small-pox, the sum of 12 dollars:

*Ordered*, That the said accounts be paid.

A muster roll of the ninth Virginia battalion, commanded by colonel Flemming, taken the 31st of May last, was laid before Congress; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the said battalion be taken into continental pay from the said 31st day of May.

*Resolved*, That one ton of gun-powder be sent to the colonel or commanding officer of the said battalion:

That the committee for preparing medicine chests, be directed to send one to the surgeon of the said battalion.

*Resolved*, That the marine committee be directed to carry into execution the resolution of the 17th, for sending carpenters to general Schuyler.

A memorial from the mates of the hospital was laid before Congress and read:

*Resolved*, That it be referred to the committee for providing medicines.

Whereas it is indispensibly necessary for the good of the service, that the soldiers of the United Colonies be well provided with blankets and cloathing; therefore,

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the assemblies and conventions of the United Colonies forthwith to cause a suit of cloaths, of which the waistcoat and breeches may be of deer leather, if to be had on reasonable terms, a blanket, felt hat, two shirts, two pair of hose and two pair of shoes, to be manufactured or otherwise procured at reasonable rates, in their respective colonies, for each soldier of the American army, insisted therein for the present campaign, and that the same be baled, invoiced and stored in suitable places, to be delivered to the order of Congress or the commander in chief of the American army:

That sufficient sums of money be granted to the assemblies and conventions

conventions aforesaid, on applying for the same, to enable them to discharge the demands arising from the purchase of the articles aforesaid :

That the commander in chief of the American army be empowered to draw on the assemblies and conventions for such articles of cloathing aforesaid, as he shall, from time to time, judge necessary, and that the cost thereof be deducted from the pay of the soldiers; who shall receive the same, by the proper officer for examining and discharging the accounts and pay-rolls of the respective regiments.

The marine committee, to whom the petition of William Adams, surgeon, was referred, brought in their report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the resignation of William Adams be accepted.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, *June 20, 1776.*

A letter of the 17th from general Washington, and a letter from the convention of New-Jersey, were laid before Congress and read.

*Resolved*, That in order to give time to the several committees, to prepare for the house the matters referred to them, it be a standing rule of Congress, that adjournments from the Friday evening, be always to Monday morning, unless on any particular occasion, the Congress shall order otherwise.

A petition from Carpenter Wharton was presented to Congress and read :

*Resolved*, That it be referred to the board of war and ordinance.

The Congress took into consideration the report of the committee on the cartel between brigadier general Arnold and captain Forster, for exchange of prisoners; and after debate, the farther consideration thereof was postponed till to-morrow.

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to draw up rules and regulations for the conduct of the house, during debates:

The members chosen Mr. Rutledge, Mr. Jefferson and Mr. Paine.

The committee of claims reported, that there is due,

To captain William Richards, for the detention of his shallop twenty days on the public service, the sum of 40 dollars :

To Robert Erwin, waggon-master, for waggonage, the sum of  $207\frac{3}{9}$  dollars:

To David Williamson, for waggon-hire, carrying captain James Grier's baggage from Fredericburg to New-York, and returning home, the sum of 147 dollars :

To Abraham Mills, for nursing and boarding six soldiers in the small-pox, the sum of  $33\frac{8}{9}$  dollars :

To Samuel Cooper, for ferriage and storage, the sum of  $26\frac{1}{9}$  dollars :

To Leonard Stoneburner, for one team hauling the baggage of captain Williams's company 18 miles beyond Goshen, and two teams hauling the baggage of captain Jones's company to Albany, the sum of  $414\frac{5}{9}$  dollars:

On two certificates produced by H. Wisner, Esq; the sum of  $11\frac{4}{9}$  dollars expences of the first Pennsylvania battalion at Goshen and that the same ought to be paid to Henry Wisner, Esq; and charged to J. Shalles, quarter-master of the said battalion:

*Ordered*, That the said accounts be paid.

*Resolved*, That a committee of five be appointed to consider, what provision ought to be made for such as are wounded or disabled in the land or sea service, and report a plan for that purpose:

The members chosen, Mr. Paine, Mr. F. Lee, Mr. Hall, Mr. Ellery, and Mr. Lewis.

The matters to this day referred, being postponed.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, June 21, 1776.

*Resolved*, That general Washington be directed to permit brigadier general Wooster to return to his family in Connecticut.

*Resolved*, That the commanding officer of the Delaware battalion, be directed to send a proper guard with the powder ordered to colonel Flemming's regiment on the eastern shore of Virginia.

*Resolved*, That an order for 300,000 dollars be drawn on the treasurers, in favour of the delegates of South-Carolina, for the use of the continental battalions in that colony, the said delegates to be accountable:

The committee of claims reported that there is due,

To Rowland Swan, a captain of his Britannic majesty's 7th regiment of foot, the sum of 36 dollars, for eighteen weeks allowance, and 12 dollars, for bringing his baggage from New-York to Philadelphia, together with the baggage of captain Dundee and three privates of the said regiment:

To Joseph Haight, for supplying the prisoners at Burlington, with provisions to the 4th of June instant, the sum of 238 dollars:

To Andrew M'Nair the sum of  $120\frac{2}{3}$  dollars, for provisions, &c. for the twenty four indians, while at the state-house, which was twenty days:

To Michael Clark, for liquor for the above indians, the sum of  $27\frac{6}{9}$  dollars:

*Ordered*, That the said accounts be paid.

A letter of the 21st from the convention of New-Jersey was laid before Congress and read, together with sundry letters from the prisoners in Burlington.

*Resolved*,



*Resolved*, That the pay of the commissioner to be sent into Canada, be four dollars a day.

The board of war and ordinance, to whom was referred the case of the officers who served last winter in Canada, brought in a report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the convention of New-York be requested, to set on foot the raising another regiment on continental establishment, to serve for three years or during the war, unless sooner discharged by Congress and that, in forming the said regiment, they commission such officers as served in the last campaign in Canada, and have not been yet provided for:

That the said officers be informed, that the commissions to be granted them are on condition, that they raise their companies to their full complement or nearly thereto, and that their commissions be withheld, until the said condition be complied with:

That it be recommended to the said convention to make suitable provision for major Dubois, with whose good conduct Congress are well satisfied, and that they return his name with the names of the other field officers, for the approbation of Congress.

That a commission of lieutenant colonel be given to major John Fischer, in colonel John Nicholson's regiment, in the New-York forces.

The Congress then resumed the consideration of the report from the committee of the whole; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That general Washington be directed to order an inquiry to be made, into the conduct of the officers heretofore employed in the Canada department; that the said enquiry be made at such times and places as, in his judgment, shall be most likely to do justice, as well to the public as to the individuals; and that the result of the said inquiry, together with the testimonies upon the subject, be transmitted to Congress: That moreover all officers accused of cowardice, plundering, embezzlement of public monies and other misdemeanors, be immediately brought to trial: And whereas Congress is informed, that an opinion has prevailed, that officers resigning their commissions are not subject to trial by a court martial for offences committed previous to such resignation, whereby some have evaded the punishments to which they were liable, it is hereby declared that such opinion is not just.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed,

Adjourned to nine o'clock on Monday.

MONDAY, June 24, 1776.

Two letters of the 20th and 21st from general Washington with sundry papers inclosed, were laid before Congress and read; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That a letter be written to the general, desiring him to put a stop to the raising the companies of Mohickan and Stock-bridge

bridge indians mentioned in one of the inclosed papers ; and that a like letter be written to governor Trumbull.

A letter of the 21<sup>st</sup> from the convention of New Jersey was laid before Congress and read, together with sundry papers inclosed therein ; containing the questions proposed to William Franklin esq. an account of his behaviour on the occasion, and the resolution of the convention “ declaring him a virulent enemy to this country, and a person that may prove dangerous, and that the said William Franklin be confined in such place and manner as the Continental Congress shall direct ;” whereupon,

*Resolved*, That William Franklin be sent under guard to governor Trumbull, who is desired to admit him to his parole ; but if Mr. Franklin refuse to give his parole, that governor Trumbull be desired to treat him agreeable to the resolutions of Congress, respecting prisoners.

*Resolved*, That Mr. Mease be directed to advance to captain Matthew Smith of the rifle battalion one thousand and forty dollars, for the purpose of recruiting his company ; the said captain Smith to be accountable.

*Resolved*, That Mr. Mease and the committee of claims be directed to forward to the pay master general an account of the monies advanced and ordered to be charged to the rifle battalion, or the respective rifle companies, in order that the same may be deducted and stopped from their pay.

The Congress being informed that a quantity of tents, which were sent from Philadelphia for the use of the colony of Massachusetts bay, have been stopped at New-York by the order of the quarter master general :

*Resolved*, That the president write to the general on this subject, and desire him to order the said tents to be delivered up, and forwarded to the colony of Massachusetts Bay immediately.

*Resolved*, That a committee. to consist of a member from each colony, be appointed to inquire into the causes of the miscarriages in Canada ;

That the said committee have power to send for persons and papers :

The members chosen, Mr. Whipple, Mr. Paine, Mr. Hopkins, Mr. Sherman, Mr. Clinton, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Paca, Mr. Jefferson, Mr. Hewes, Mr. Middleton, and Mr. Hall.

The committee of claims reported that there is due,

To Gunning Bedford, the sum of 202 dollars, of which sum 103 dollars and *thirty-ninetieths*, for pay and subsistence for two months, the remainder for a horse for the continental service :

*Ordered*, That the said account be paid.

*Resolved*, That the report on the cartel for exchange of prisoners entered into between brigadier general Arnold and captain Forster be recommitted.

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Congress took into consideration the report of the committee on spies; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That all persons abiding within any of the United Colonies and deriving protection from the laws of the same owe allegiance to the said laws, and are members of such colony; and that all persons passing through, visiting or making a temporary stay in any of the said colonies, being entitled to the protection of the laws during the time of such passage, visitation or temporary stay, owe during the same allegiance thereto:

That all persons members of, or owing allegiance to any of the United Colonies, as before described, who shall levy war against any of the said colonies within the same, or be adherent to the king of Great Britain, or other enemies of the said Colonies or any of them within the same giving to him or them aid and comfort, are guilty of treason against such colony:

That it be recommended to the legislatures of the several United Colonies to pass laws for punishing, in such manner as to them shall seem fit, such persons before described, as shall be proveably attainted of open deed by people of their condition of any of the treasons before described.

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the several legislatures of the United Colonies to pass laws for punishing, in such manner as they shall think fit, persons who shall counterfeit, or aid or abet in counterfeiting, the continental bills of credit, or who shall pass any such bill in payment knowing the same to be counterfeit.

*Resolved*, That the remainder of the said report be recommitted.

A petition from Antoine Felix Wiebert was presented to Congress and read:

*Resolved*, That the same together with the papers accompanying it be referred to the board of war and ordinance.

The board of war and ordinance, to whom was referred a petition from Carpenter Wharton, brought in their report, which was read:

Ordered to lie on the table; and that the president write to gen. Washington and request him to inform Congress of the cost of a ration as furnished by the commissary general.

The matters to this day referred being postponed:

Adjourned to nine o'clock to morrow.

TUESDAY, June 25. 1776.

A letter of the 23d from general Washington with sundry letters from major general Schuyler, brigadier general Sullivan, brigadier general Arnold, and others, were laid before Congress and read:

*Resolved*, That the same be referred to the board of war and ordinance, who are directed to sit immediately, and report thereon as soon as possible.

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A memorial from captain Stephen Rowe Bradley was presented to Congress and read, together with sundry accounts:

*Resolved*, That the same be referred to the committee on the treasury.

The marine committee having recommended captain Samuel Nichols to be promoted to be major of marines; Andrew Porter, Joseph Hardey Samuel Shaw, Benjamin Deane, and Robert Mullen, to be captains of marines; Daniel Henderson, David Love, Franklin Reed, and Peregrine Brown to be first lieutenants of marines; James McClure, William Gilmore, Abel Morgan, and Hugh Montgomery to be second lieutenants of marines; John Stewart to be captain, Thomas Pownall first lieutenant, and Richard Harrison second lieutenant of marines for the frigate building in Maryland:

John Langdon, Esq; to be agent of prizes for the colony of New-Hampshire:

*Resolved*, That they be approved, and that commissions be granted to them accordingly.

*Resolved*, That the secret committee be directed to sell to John Maxwell Nesbit and company, 125 lb. of powder, for the use of the privateer they are fitting out.

*Resolved*, That the committee appointed to contract for making muskets, be directed to consider the propriety of granting a bounty or other means for encouraging the making of muskets.

Adjourned to four o'clock.

*Eodem Die, P. M.*

A declaration of the deputies of Pennsylvania, met in provincial conference, was laid before Congress and read; expressing their willingness to concur in a vote of Congress, declaring the United Colonies Free and Independant States.

The board of war and ordinance, to whom the several letters received this morning were referred, brought in their report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the number of men destined for the northern department, be augmented to four thousand:

That a colonel's commission be immediately issued to major Du-bois, with instructions forthwith to raise a regiment to serve for three years or during the war, and that the corps of officers be composed of such as have served with credit in Canada; no officer to receive his commission until his company be raised and armed; the arms of the people inlisting themselves to be valued by the committees of the counties, where the companies are raised, and paid for by the continent, on their being mustered:

That it be earnestly recommended to the colony of New-Hampshire, to send immediately one regiment of their militia to Massachusetts Bay; two regiments of their militia to Connecticut;

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one regiment of their militia, to augment the troops destined for the northern department :

That letters be sent to the general assemblies of the colonies, from whence the several regiments of militia are and have been requested, earnestly pressing them to be expeditious in raising and equipping their troops, and requesting the several assemblies to take upon themselves the care of providing the said troops with cloaths, tents and all necessary camp equipage, and assuring them that the United Colonies will be answerable for the expence of the same :

That a regimental paymaster, who is not to be an officer of the army, be appointed by the said colonies to each of the said battalions, who shall keep all the accounts of his respective battalion, and to whom particular returns shall be made of the expence of cloathing the said battalion ; in order that the same may be deducted out of the pay of the soldiers, for whom the articles shall have been provided.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed,  
Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, *June 26, 1776.*

A letter of the 21st from general Washington, and one of the 26th from brigadier general Wooster, were laid before Congress and read :

*Ordered*, That the letter from brigadier general Wooster be referred to the committee appointed to inquire into the causes of the miscarriages in Canada.

The board of war brought in a report, which was taken into consideration ; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That Monf. Antoine Felix Wiebert, who applies to be employed as an engineer in the continental army, be recommended to general Washington as a person who appears to be qualified to act in that capacity ; but as he asks no more at present than to be placed in a situation, in which he may be enabled to evidence his abilities, that the general be desired to employ him in such way, as he shall judge will best conduce to the good of the service, and answer Monf. Wiebert's request.

*Resolved*, That the following gentlemen be appointed officers of the battalion to be raised under colonel Lewis Dubois ; their commissions to be given them as soon as their compliment of men shall be raised :

Jacobus S. Bruyn, lieutenant-colonel ; William Goforth, major ; David Dubois, Elias Van Banscholen, Thomas de Witt, Isaac Wool, Philip D. B. Bevier, Richard Platt, Albert Pawling, and Cornelius T. Janstin, captains ; James Gregg, Aaron Austin, Jonathan Piercy, Evans Wherry, Garret Van Wagenan, Henry Van denburgh, Nathaniel Conklin, and Henry Dodge, first lieutenants ;  
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Daniel Glans, second lieutenant in the first company; John Coates, surgeon; and Henry Dubois, adjutant.

*Resolved*, That the president write to the convention of New-York, and explain to them the reasons that induced the Congress to enter into the foregoing resolution; and to request the convention to appoint the other officers of the battalion, and to use their best endeavours in equipping and forwarding the said battalion as soon as possible.

*Resolved*, That the marine committee be impowered to purchase the armed brig Catharine, with her guns, tackle, apparel and furniture, as she now lies in Connecticut.

The committee of claims reported that there is due,

To Dr. Bond, the sum of 9 dollars and thirty-ninetieths, for medicines and attendance for three indians:

To Benjamin Armitage, for boarding and lodging Thomas Folmer, the indian interpreter, twenty days, the sum of 12 dollars and twenty-five-ninetieths:

To Richard Cheny, the sum of 4 dollars and eighty-two-ninetieths for victualling general Lee's guard, and that the same ought to be paid to John Morton, Esq;

To Anthony Welte, for provisions supplied captain Nelson's company, the sum of 18 dollars and eighteen-ninetieths:

To Aaron Phips, the sum of 7 dollars and forty-four-ninetieths for sundry expences of general Lee's guard:

To John Osborne, the sum of 8 dollars; namely, 6 dollars for boarding and lodging a sick soldier, and two dollars for a coffin for one of captain Vanzant's men:

To George Howes, for waggon-hire, &c. carrying money to Cambridge at the time Mr. Franks went, the sum of 70 dollars and forty-ninetieths:

To Messrs. Hanson, Donaldson, and Franks, for carrying money to the camp in March last, the sum of 238 dollars and twenty-eight-ninetieths:

To Isaac Sorrel, the sum of 26 dollars and eighty-five-ninetieths; of which 10 dollars and sixty-nine-ninetieths were for the expences of the prisoners that were brought from North-Carolina and the guard, the remainder for the expences of the guard that went with the powder, &c. to colonel Miles at Marcus-hook:

To Henry Haller, the sum of 645 dollars and forty-six-ninetieths; of which sum captain John Nelson is to be charged for two rifles, 24 dollars; the remainder, viz. expences of captain John Nelson's company at Reading, 12 dollars and eighty-nine-ninetieths; expences of prisoners from St. John's and Chamblee to 8th June, 538 dollars and forty seven-ninetieths Mr. Holler's pay as commissary, from 30th March to 7th June, 70 days, at 7/6, 70 dollars:

*Ordered*, That the said accounts be paid.

*Resolved*,

*Resolved*, That a bounty of ten dollars be given to every non-commissioned officer and soldier, who will enlist to serve for the term of three years.

*Ordered*, That the resolutions passed yesterday be sent to general Washington, and that he be desired to afford such assistance to the northern or Canada department, as he shall be enabled to do consistently with the safety of New-York; and from time to time to give such directions as he may think expedient for the public service.

A paragraph of a letter from general Washington to one of the members being laid before Congress and read :

*Resolved*, That it be referred to the board of war and ordinance.

*Resolved*, That the secret committee be directed to supply the marine committee with one ton of powder, for the use of the vessel which they were this morning impowered to purchase.

*Resolved*, That Michael Hillegas, Esq; be empowered and directed to pay such sums of money as are or may be due to the several signers of continental bills of credit for their services, agreeable to the resolve of Congress for that purpose.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of William Whiting, a soldier who was wounded in the continental army at Quebec, brought in their report, which was read; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the sum of twenty dollars be paid out of the public treasury to William Whiting, to enable him to return to his family at Norfolk in Connecticut.

The committee on the treasury, to whom were referred the petition and accounts of Stephen Row Bradley, brought in their report; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That there be paid to Stephen Row Bradley the sum of 691 dollars and twenty-two-ninetieths of a dollar, for the service of himself and his company, from the 25th day of January to the 25th day of February, during which time they were employed in the service of the continent.

The matters to this day referred being postponed :

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, June 27. 1776.

A letter of the 17th from governor Trumbull was laid before Congress and read; also,

Two petitions; one from colonel John Brown, the other from William Holton, were presented and read :

*Resolved*, That the petition from col. Brown be referred to the committee appointed to enquire into the causes of the miscarriages in Canada:

That the petition from William Holton be referred to the board of war and ordinance.

*Resolved*, That an order for 24 dollars be drawn on the treasurers in favour of major Bicker; he to be accountable.

Sundry letters from the southward, being received by express, were laid before Congress and read, viz.

One from general Lee, dated Little River, June 6; enclosing two to him, one from John Rutledge, Esq; the other from brigadier general Armstrong; both dated Charlestown, South Carolina, June 4th, advising, that 51 sail of the enemy were arrived there, and lying in sight of the town:

One from brigadier general Lewis, dated Williamsburg, the 18th of the same month, enclosing one to him from general Lee, of the 4th:

*Resolved*, That the said letters be referred to the board of war and ordinance:

The Congress then took into consideration the letter from governor Trumbull; and after some debate,

*Resolved*, That the farther consideration thereof be postponed, and in the mean while, that governor Trumbull be desired to send to Congress an account of the cannon left at New-London by commodore Hopkins, their number, size, bore and weight, and also an account of the other cannon there.

A letter from the commissioners for indian affairs in the southern department, with sundry papers inclosed, was laid before Congress and read.

The board of war and ordinance, to whom the paragraph of a letter from the general, was referred, brought in their report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That six companies of rifle men, in addition to the three companies now at New-York, be raised and the whole regimented; and that a commission be granted to captain Stevenson, to be colonel of the said regiment of rifle men, which is to be inlisted for three years, unless sooner discharged by Congress; the men to be allowed a bounty of ten dollars; and that Moses Rawlins be lieutenant colonel, and Otho Holland Williams, Major of the said regiment:

That four companies of rifle men, for the said regiment, be raised in Virginia and two in Maryland; the pay of the men to commence from the time they shall be armed and mustered; their arms to be appraised by the committee of the county, and paid for by the United Colonies:

That general Washington be directed forthwith to send to Congress a compleat list of all the vacancies in the army, and the names of such officers as he can recommend for filling them.

The committee of claims reported, that there is due,

To Robert Erwin, waggon-master, the sum of 241 dollars and fifty-one-ninetieth of a dollar, a balance due for three teams, that went to North Carolina with powder:



To Doctor Frederic Phyle, for medicines and attendance on the 5th Pennsylvania battalion, from the time of their embodying to the 13th of June 1776, the sum of 532 dollars & fifty-one-ninetieth.

To John Bales, for camp kettles, the sum of 68 dollars:

To Elizabeth Slaydon, the sum of 24 dollars, for nursing and boarding two soldiers, of which sum capt. Steward is to be charged with 13 dollars and thirty-sixtieth, for nursing and boarding the man he wounded in the state-house yard; the remainder to the continent; the said 24 dollars to be paid to colonel T. Matlack:

To Rachel Hewen, the sum of 5 dollars and thirty-ninetieth, for nursing and boarding two soldiers of the continental army:

That there be repaid to Robert Moore the sum of seven dollars, which was stopped out of his pay by captain M. Smith; the same having been by him expended for provisions, when he was left sick by his company in Canada:

*Ordered*, That the said accounts be paid.

*Resolved*, That the pay of doctor Huston, who was appointed surgeon to the fifth Pennsylvania battalion, be stopped 'till farther orders of Congress, and that the paymaster be notified thereof.

The committee, to whom it was referred to devise a mode of raising the German battalion voted on the 25th of May last, brought in their report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That four companies of Germans be raised in Pennsylvania, and four companies in Maryland, to compose the said regiment:

That it be recommended to the committee of safety of Pennsylvania, immediately to appoint proper officers for and direct the enlistment of the four companies to be raised in that colony:

That it be recommended to the convention, or, in their recess, to the council of safety of Maryland, immediately to appoint proper officers for and direct the enlistment of the four companies to be raised in that colony:

That the said companies be enlisted to serve for three years, unless sooner discharged by Congress, and receive bounty, pay, rations and all other allowances equal to any of the continental troops:

That the said companies be intitled to pay and subsistence from the time of enlistment:

That the said companies, when raised, be formed into a battalion, under the command of such field officers as Congress shall appoint:

That the rank of the captains of the said companies be regulated as Congress shall hereafter direct:

That 5000 dollars be sent to the committee of safety of Pennsylvania, and 5000 dollars to the convention, or, in their recess, to the council of safety of Maryland, to defray the expence of raising the said companies.

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the convention, or, in their

their recess, to the council of safety of Maryland, to appoint the officers, and forward, with all possible expedition, the raising the two companies of rifle men.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed,  
Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, *June 28, 1776.*

The committee of claims, to whom were referred the petition and accounts of Thomas Thomson, reported,

That there ought to be paid to Thomas Thomson the sum of 750 dollars, in part of an account for lumber said to have been delivered by Simon Metcalf to the forces belonging to the continent, at St John's in Canada;

The said committee farther reported, that there is due,

To Thomas Mayberry, the sum of 117 dollars and twenty-nine-ninetieths, for plated iron:

*Ordered*, That the said sums be paid.

A petition from colonel James Easton was presented to Congress and read:

*Resolved*, That the same be referred to the committee appointed to inquire into the causes of the miscarriages in Canada.

A petition from William Poole was presented to Congress and read:

*Resolved*, That it be referred to the committee for making provision for wounded and disabled soldiers.

Francis Hopkinson, Esq; one of the delegates of New-Jersey attended, and produced the credentials of their appointment, which was read as follows: viz.

“ In Provincial Congress, New-Jersey, Burlington, June 21,  
1776.

The Congress proceeded to the election of delegates to represent this colony in Continental Congress, when Richard Stockton, Abraham Clark, John Hart, and Francis Hopkinson, Esqrs; and Dr. John Witherspoon, were elected by ballot to serve for one year, unless a new appointment be made before that time. Resolved, That the following instructions be given to the delegates as aforesaid. The Congress empower and direct you in the name of this colony, to join with the delegates of the other colonies in continental Congress, in the most vigorous measures for supporting the just rights and liberties of America, and if you shall judge it necessary or expedient for this purpose, we empower you to join with them in declaring the United Colonies independant of Great-Britain, entering into a confederation for union and common defence, making treaties with foreign nations for commerce and assistance, and to take such other measures as may appear to them and you necessary for these great ends, promising to support them with  
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the whole force of this province, always observing that whatever plan of confederacy you enter into, the regulating the internal police of this province is to be reserved to the colony legislature. By order of Congress, SAMUEL TUCKER, PRESIDENT.  
Extract from the minutes, WM. PATTERSON, Secretary."

The board of war brought in a report which was read, in these words :

" Monfr. Le chevalier de Kirmovan, having produced to the board indubitable credentials of his good character and superior abilities in the art of war, and particularly as an engineer, the board resolved to recommend him to Congress as a person, who can be much confided in ; and it is the opinion of the board, that the committee of safety of Pennsylvania be requested to employ him in planning and laying out the fortifications agreed by Congress, to be erected at Billingsport, on the river Delaware."

The said report being again read,

*Resolved*, That the same be agreed to.

*Resolved*, That Mr. Hopkinson be added to the committee for preparing a plan of confederation.

*Resolved*, That the secret committee be directed to sell the committee of Salem county in New-Jersey, 300 lb. of powder.

The committee appointed to prepare a declaration &c. brought in a draught, which was read :

Ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from Christopher Champlain was presented to Congress and read :

*Resolved*, That it be referred to a committee of three :

The members chosen, Mr. Morris, Mr. Alsop, and Mr. Gerry.

*Resolved*, That Mr. Wisner, Mr. Paine, and Mr. Floyd be a committee to confer with Anthony Mofengeil, on the subject of manufacturing sulphur :

That 30 dollars be advanced to the said committee, they to be accountable.

*Resolved*, That the treasurers be impowered to advance to the committee of safety of Pennsylvania 100,000 dollars, the colony of Pennsylvania to be accountable.

*Resolved*, That the committee for superintending the treasury be directed to nominate and appoint six persons to sign and number the million of dollars ordered to be struck in small change.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed.

Adjourned to nine o'clock on Monday next.

MONDAY, July 1. 1776.

Sundry letters were laid before Congress and read, viz.

Three from general Washington, of 27th and 28th of June, with sundry letters and papers enclosed :

One from the convention of New-Jersey, of the 29th :

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One from the convention of New-Hampshire, of the 17th;

One from brigadier general Lewis, of the 17th;

One from Benjamin Harrison, jun.

*Resolved*, That an order for 6000 dollars be drawn on the treasurers, in favour of Richard Graham of Virginia, in full of a draught in his favour of the 20th June, by brigadier gen. Lewis; and that the same be charged to the account of Benjamin Harrison, deputy pay-master general for Virginia.

A resolution of the convention of Maryland, passed the 28th of June, was laid before Congress and read, as follows: "That the instructions given to their deputies in December last, be recalled, and the restrictions therein contained, removed; and that the deputies of said colony, or any three or more of them, be authorized and empowered to concur with the other United Colonies, or a majority of them, in declaring the United Colonies free and independent states; in forming such further compact and confederation between them; in making foreign alliances, and in adopting such other measures as shall be adjudged necessary for securing the liberties of America; and that said colony will hold itself bound by the resolutions of the majority of the United Colonies in the premises; provided the sole and exclusive right of regulating the internal government and police of that colony be reserved to the people thereof."

The order of the day being read:

*Resolved*, That this Congress will resolve itself into a committee of the whole to take into consideration the resolution respecting independancy:

That the declaration be referred to said committee.

The Congress resolved itself into a committee of the whole. After some time the president resumed the chair, & Mr. Harrison reported, that the committee had come to a resolution which they desired him to report, and to move for leave to sit again.

The resolution agreed to by the committee of the whole being read, the determination thereof, was at the request of a colony postponed till to-morrow.

*Resolved*, That a brigadier general acting in a separate department be allowed an Aid de Camp.

A letter of the 29th from general Washington was laid before Congress, and read.

*Resolved*, That the letters this day received be referred to the board of war.

*Resolved*, That this Congress will to-morrow resolve itself into a committee of the whole to take into consideration the declaration respecting independance.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, July 2d. 1776.

Sundry letters were laid before Congress and read:

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One from general Washington of the 30th of June, enclosing sundry papers, among which a copy of a letter from lieutenant colonel Campbell to general Howe:

One from the council of Massachusetts Bay of the 26th:

One from governor Trumbull of the 20th of the same month, and one from the paymaster general, with a weekly account:

*Ordered*, That the last be delivered to the board of treasury:

That the letter from lieutenant colonel Campbell to general Howe, be published:

That the other letters be referred to the board of war.

The Congress resumed the consideration of the resolution reported from the committee of the whole, which was agreed to, as follows:

*Resolved*, That these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, Free and Independant States; that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British crown, and that all political connection between them, and the state of Great-Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved.

Agreeable to the order of the day, the Congress resolved itself into a committee of the whole; and after some time, the president resumed the chair, and Mr. Harrison reported, that the committee have had under consideration the declaration to them referred, but not having had time to go through the same, desired him to move for leave to sit again:

*Resolved*, That this Congress will to-morrow again resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into their farther consideration the declaration respecting Independance.

Congress being informed, that, in obedience to their order, capt. Whipple and capt. Saltonstall were arrived in Philadelphia;

*Resolved*, That the marine committee enquire into the complaints exhibited against them, and report thereon to Congress.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow.

### WEDNESDAY, July 3, 1776.

A letter from the convention of New-Jersey of the 2d, and a letter from the commissioners for indian affairs in the southern department, dated Augusta, May 21, together with an account of their expences, and the minutes of their conference with the indians in that department, were laid before Congress and read:

*Resolved*, That the account of the commissioners be referred to the committee on the treasury.

Congress took into consideration the letter from the convention of New-Jersey; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the committee of safety of Pennsylvania be requested to send as many of the troops of their colony, as they can spare, to Monmouth county in New-Jersey, to the assistance of the inhabitants of that colony, and to be subject to the orders of the commander

commander in chief; the said troops to be allowed the same pay and rations as the troops in the service of the continent, from the time of their march until their return:

That a circular letter be written to the committees of inspection, of the several counties in Pennsylvania, where troops are raised or raising to form the flying camp, requesting them to send the troops by battalions, or detachments of battalions or companies, as fast as raised to the city of Philadelphia, except those raised in the counties of Bucks, Berks, and Northampton, which are to be directed to march as aforesaid, to New-Brunswick in New-Jersey:

That a copy of the foregoing resolutions be sent to general Washington, and that he be desired to appoint a proper officer to command the flying camp, and also direct proper persons to supply the men with rations.

*Resolved*, That the marine committee be empowered to contract with shipwrights to go to lake Champlain on the following terms:

To allow each man 34 dollars and two-thirds per month; one months pay to be advanced on their giving security if required:

Each man to be allowed a ration and a half, and one half pint of rum per day:

Their tools and arms to be valued:

Two thirds of their wages to be paid monthly, to whomsoever they shall leave the power of receiving it:

Their pay to commence from the day they sign articles, and continue, untill they are discharged with an allowance of one day's pay for every twenty miles, between the place where they are discharged, and their respective homes.

*Resolved*, That Dr. Franklin and Mr. Wilson, two of the commissioners for indian affairs in the middle department, be authorized to discharge the bills drawn by Mr. Morgan on the commissioners of that department.

Agreeable to the order of the day, the Congress resolved itself into a committee of the whole, to take into their farther consideration, the declaration, and after sometime the president resumed the chair, and Mr. Harrison reported, that the committee not having yet gone through it, desired leave to sit again.

*Resolved*, That this Congress will to morrow again resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into their farther consideration, the declaration of independance.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to morrow.

THURSDAY, July 4, 1776.

*Resolved*, That application be made to the committee of safety of Pennsylvania for a supply of flints for the troops at New-York: and that Delaware government and Maryland, be requested to embody their militia for the flying camp with all possible expedition, and to march them without delay to the city of Philadelphia.

Agreeable

Agreeable to the order of the day, the Congress resolved itself, into a committee of the whole, to take into their farther consideration the declaration, and after some time the president resumed the chair, and Mr. Harrison reported that the committee have agreed to a declaration which they desired him to report.

The declaration being read, was agreed to, as follows;

**A DECLARATION** by the Representatives of the UNITED STATES of AMERICA in Congress assembled.

WHEN, in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume, among the powers of the Earth, the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature and of nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident; that all men are created equal; that they are endowed, by their Creator, with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.---That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; that whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new government, laying its foundation on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate, that governments long established, should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same object, evinces a design to reduce them under absolute despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such government, and to provide new guards for their future security. Such

has been the patient sufferance of these colonies ; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former systems of government. The history of the present king of Great-Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute tyranny over these states. To prove this, let facts be submitted to a candid world.

He has refused his assent to laws the most wholesome and necessary for the public good.

He has forbidden his governors to pass laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation till his assent should be obtained ; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them.

He has refused to pass other laws for the accommodation of large districts of people, unless those people would relinquish the right of representation in the legislature ; a right inestimable to them, and formidable to tyrants only.

He has called together legislative bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the depository of their public records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures.

He has dissolved representative houses repeatedly, for opposing, with manly firmness, his invasions on the rights of the people.

He has refused for a long time, after such dissolutions, to cause others to be elected ; whereby the legislative powers, incapable of annihilation, have returned to the people at large for their exercise ; the state remaining, in the mean time, exposed to all the dangers of invasion from without, and convulsions within.

He has endeavoured to prevent the population of these states ; for that purpose obstructing the laws for naturalization of foreigners ; refusing to pass others to encourage their migrations hither, and raising the conditions of new appropriations of lands.

He has obstructed the administration of justice, by refusing his assent to laws for establishing judiciary powers.

He



He has made judges dependent on his will alone, for the tenure of their offices, and the amount and payment of their salaries.

He has erected a multitude of new offices, and sent hither swarms of officers to harass our people, and eat out their substance.

He has kept among us, in times of peace, standing armies, without the consent of our legislatures.

He has affected to render the military independent of, and superior to the civil power.

He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution, and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his assent to their acts of pretended legislation :

For quartering large bodies of armed troops among us:

For protecting them, by a mock trial, from punishment for any murders which they should commit on the inhabitants of these states :

For cutting off our trade with all parts of the world :

For imposing taxes on us without our consent :

For depriving us, in many cases, of the benefits of trial by jury :

For transporting us beyond seas to be tried for pretended offences :

For abolishing the free system of English laws in a neighbouring province, establishing therein an arbitrary government, and enlarging its boundaries, so as to render it at once an example and fit instrument for introducing the same absolute rule into these colonies :

For taking away our charters, abolishing our most valuable laws, and altering fundamentally the forms of our governments :

For suspending our own legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever.

He has abdicated government here, by declaring us out of his protection, and waging War against us.

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He has plundered our seas, ravaged our coasts, burnt our towns, and destroyed the lives of our people.

He is, at this time, transporting large armies of foreign mercenaries to complete the works of death, desolation, and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of cruelty and perfidy, scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the head of a civilized nation.

He has constrained our fellow-citizens, taken captive on the high seas, to bear arms against their country, to become the executioners of their friends and brethren, or to fall themselves by their hands.

He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers the merciless indian savages, whose known rule of warfare is an undistinguished destruction, of all ages, sexes, and conditions.

In every stage of these oppressions we have petitioned for redress in the most humble terms: Our repeated petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A prince, whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people.

Nor have we been wanting in attentions to our British brethren. We have warned them, from time to time, of attempts by their legislature to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here. We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to disavow these usurpations, which would inevitably interrupt our connexions and correspondence. They too have been deaf to the voice of justice and of consanguinity. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces our separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, enemies in war, in peace friends.

We, therefore, the representatives of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, in GENERAL CONGRESS assembled, appealing to the supreme judge

judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the name, and by authority of the good people of these colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, FREE AND INDEPENDENT STATES; that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British crown, and that all political connexion between them and the state of Great-Britain, is, and ought to be, totally dissolved; and that as FREE AND INDEPENDENT STATES, they have full power to levy war, conclude peace, contract alliances, establish commerce, and to do all other acts and things which INDEPENDENT STATES may of right do. And for the support of this declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of DIVINE PROVIDENCE, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honour.

The foregoing declaration was by order of Congress engrossed and signed by the following members:

J O H N H A N C O C K.

NEW-HAMPSHIRE,

{ Josiah Bartlett,  
William Whipple,  
Matthew Thornton.

MASSACHUSETTS-BAY.

{ Samuel Adams,  
John Adams,  
Robert Treat Paine,  
Elbridge Gerry.

RHODE-ISLAND, &c.

{ Stephen Hopkins,  
William Ellery.

CONNECTICUT.

{ Roger Sherman,  
Samuel Huntington,  
William Williams,  
Oliver Wolcott.

NEW-YORK.

{ William Floyd,  
Philip Livingston,  
Francis Lewis,  
Lewis Morris.

New-

## NEW-JERSEY.

{ *Richard Stockton,*  
*John Witherspoon,*  
*Francis Hopkinson,*  
*John Hart,*  
*Abraham Clark.*

## PENNSYLVANIA.

{ *Robert Morris,*  
*Benjamin Rush,*  
*Benjamin Franklin,*  
*John Morton,*  
*George Clymer,*  
*James Smith,*  
*George Taylor,*  
*James Wilson,*  
*George Ross.*

## DELAWARE,

{ *Cesar Rodney,*  
*George Read.*

## MARYLAND.

{ *Samuel Chase,*  
*William Paca,*  
*Thomas Stone,*  
*Charles Carroll, of Carrollton.*

## VIRGINIA,

{ *George Wythe,*  
*Richard Henry Lee,*  
*Thomas Jefferson,*  
*Benjamin Harrison,*  
*Thomas Nelson, jun.*  
*Francis Lightfoot Lee,*  
*Carter Braxton.*

## NORTH-CAROLINA.

{ *William Hooper,*  
*Joseph Hewes,*  
*John Penn.*

## SOUTH-CAROLINA.

{ *Edward Rutledge,*  
*Thomas Heyward, jun.*  
*Thomas Lynch, jun.*  
*Arthur Middleton.*

## GEORGIA.

{ *Button Gwinnett,*  
*Lyman Hall,*  
*George Walton.*

*Resolved,*



*Resolved*, That copies of the declaration be sent to the several assemblies, conventions and committees, or councils of safety, and to the several commanding officers of the continental troops; that it be proclaimed in each of the United States, and at the head of the army.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Morris and Mr. Hewes determine the hire of Mr. Walker's vessel, which was employed by commodore Hopkins in the service of the continent.

A letter of the 3d from general Washington was laid before Congress and read:

*Resolved*, That the delegates of New-York, New-Jersey and Pennsylvania, be a committee to confer with the committee of safety of Pennsylvania, and the committee of inspection and observation for the city and liberties of Philadelphia, and the field officers of the battalions of the said city and liberties, on the best means of defending the colonies of New-Jersey and Pennsylvania; and that they be impowered to send expresses, where necessary:

That the secret committee be instructed to order the flints belonging to the continent, and now at Rhode-Island, to be sent to the general at New-York.

*Resolved*, That Mr. Wisner be impowered to send a man, at the public expence, to Orange county, for a sample of flint-stone.

The Congress proceeded to the appointment of two commissioners for indian affairs, in the middle department; and the ballots being taken,

Jasper Yates and John Montgomery, Esqrs. were elected.

*Ordered*, That Doctor Franklin and Mr. Wilson inform the above named gentlemen of their appointment, and desire them to attend the treaty with the indians at Pittsburg, on the day appointed; and also to appoint some persons to procure goods necessary for the indians.

*Resolved*, That to-morrow be assigned for filling up the vacancies in the committee for indian affairs.

*Resolved*, That the president be impowered to employ another private secretary.

*Resolved*, That the board of war be impowered to employ such a number of persons, as they shall find necessary, to manufacture flints for the continent; and for this purpose to apply to the respective assemblies, conventions and councils, or committees of safety of the United American States, or committees of inspection of the counties and towns thereunto belonging, for the names and places of abode of persons skilled in the manufactory aforesaid, and of the places, in their respective states, where the best flint-stones are to be obtained, with samples of the same.

*Resolved*, That an order for 3 dollars and fifty-four ninetieths, be drawn on the treasurers, in favour of the express, who brought the dispatches from Trenton.

*Resolved*,

*Resolved*, That Dr. Franklin, Mr. J. Adams and Mr. Jefferson, be a committee to prepare a device for a seal for the United States of America.

*Resolved*, That the secret committee be directed to sell 25 lb. of powder to John Garrison of North-Carolina.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, July 5, 1776.

A letter from captain Crawford, a prisoner, of the 26th regiment, was read, requesting leave to visit the prisoners in the several places, where they are confined :

*Resolved*, That, in the present situation of affairs, such leave be not granted.

The committee on ways and means brought in a report, which was read :

Ordered to lie on the table.

The account and vouchers of Mr. Price being laid on the table ;

*Resolved*, That they be referred for adjustment to the board of treasury.

The board of war brought in a report ; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That a regiment be raised out of the officers who served in Canada, on the same terms on which the regiment, to be commanded by colonel Dubois, is to be raised ; and that the following persons be appointed officers of the said regiment :

Seth Warner, colonel :

Samuel Safford, lieutenant colonel :

Elisha Painter, major :

Wait Hopkins, John Grant, Gideon Brownson, Abiather Angel, Simeon Smith, Joshua Stanton, Seely, Jacob Vorshoroug, captains ; John Allen, Fussell, Walbridge, Deane, James Gold, Sill, Ebenezer Hide, Gamaliel Painter, first lieutenants ;

Ebenezer Beaumont, adjutant.

*Resolved*, That the president write to governor Cooke, requesting him to order fifty ship-carpenters to be engaged on the best terms, at the expence of the continent, and sent to general Schuyler at Albany, as soon as possible, in order to build vessels for the defence of the lakes.

The committee of Congress appointed to confer with the committee of safety of Pennsylvania, the committee of inspection and observation for the city and liberties of Philadelphia, and the field officers of the five battalions of the said city, reported, that they have had a meeting with the committees and officers aforesaid, and have agreed to the following resolutions, viz.

That all the associated militia of Pennsylvania, (excepting the counties of Westmoreland, Bedford and Northumberland) who  
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can be furnished with arms and accoutrements, be forthwith requested to march, with the utmost expedition, to Trenton, (except the militia of Northampton county, who are to march directly for New-Brunswick) in New-Jersey; and that the said militia continue in service, until the flying camp of ten thousand men can be collected to relieve them, unless they shall be sooner discharged by Congress:

That the militia march by companies to the place of rendezvous:

That the said militia be taken into the continental pay, and receive the same pay, allowances and rations, as the continental troops, from the time they begin their march, until they return to their respective homes:

That those of the three battalions of the Pennsylvania troops, now remaining in the province, be ordered to march immediately for New-Brunswick in New-Jersey:

That the committee of safety of Pennsylvania provide as many tents, as they can, for said militia:

That the committees of inspection and observation, in the several counties, furnish a good kettle to every six men, and give all the assistance in their power, that the said militia be well armed and equipped, and march with the greatest expedition:

That the committees of inspection, for the several counties of Pennsylvania, be desired to order such troops, as they may raise for the flying camp, to be marched to Trenton; the resolve of Congress passed yesterday notwithstanding; whereupon;

*Resolved*, That this Congress highly approve the foregoing resolutions, and recommend it to the good people of Pennsylvania; to carry the same into execution with the same laudable readiness, which they have hitherto manifested in supporting the injured rights of their country.

*Resolved*, That colonel Hazlet, of the battalion in Delaware government, be ordered to station one company at Lewis-town, and to march the remaining seven to Wilmington, and there remain until farther orders of this Congress.

*Resolved*, That the commissioners for indian affairs in the southern department, while on actual service, receive four dollars a day.

The committee on the treasury reported; that there is due,

To John Walker, Esq; one of the commissioners of indian affairs in the southern department, the sum of 869 dollars and sixty-seven ninetieths, for several horses, a waggon and geers, and expences in travelling 2500 miles:

*Ordered*, That the said account be paid.

The committee appointed to consider the state of Georgia, brought in their report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That, for the defence of Georgia, there be an addition of two battalions, (one of them to consist of rifle men) to be

raised on the same terms on which other continental battalions are now ordered to be raised:

That blank commissions for the field officers be sent to the convention of Georgia, to be filled up with the names of such persons, as the said convention shall judge proper:

That it be recommended to the assemblies, conventions or councils of safety of Virginia, North and South-Carolina, to permit the raising troops, for the purpose aforesaid, within their respective states; and, if requested, to afford their advice and assistance, with regard to suitable persons for captains and subalterns, and that blank commissions be delivered to the delegates:

That four galleys be built at the expence of the United States, under the direction of the convention of Georgia, for the farther defence of the said state:

And whereas, the delegates of Georgia have represented the necessity of erecting two forts, one at Savannah and the other at Sunbury;

*Resolved*, That two companies of artillery be raised, consisting of fifty men each, officers included, for the purpose of garrisoning such forts, in case they shall be erected, by and at the expence of Georgia; and that blank commissions be delivered to the delegates for the officers, to be filled up by the assembly or convention of the said state.

*Resolved*, That general Washington be empowered, if he shall judge it adviseable, to order three of the fullest regiments, stationed in Massachusetts Bay, to be immediately marched to Ticonderoga; and that an equal number of the militia of that state, be taken into pay, and embodied for its defence, if the government of Massachusetts Bay judge it necessary.

The board of war brought in a report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That Mr. John Coburne, who has acted as an assistant conductor of military stores in Canada, and has produced certificates of his having done his duty in that station, be allowed lieutenant's pay, from the first day of March to the first day of June last:

That a chaplain be appointed to each regiment in the continental army, and that their allowance be increased to thirty-three dollars and one third of a dollar a month:

That immediate steps be taken in the several colonies, to procure lead:

That the postmaster general be directed immediately to have expresses established between this city and New-York, and that general Washington be desired to send off dispatches to Congress every day:

That the secret committee be directed to send forthwith to general Lewis, at Williamsburg, five tons of powder, for the use of the



the troops in the southern department, part of which is to be forwarded to South-Carolina:

That the British officers and soldiers who are prisoners, and now in New-Jersey, be sent from thence to the town of York in Pennsylvania, and that the convention or committee of safety of New-Jersey be requested to carry this resolve into execution:

That four companies of the militia be directed to remain in Philadelphia, to guard the continental stores in that city.

The matters to this day referred, being postponed:

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow.

SATURDAY, July 6, 1776.

A letter of the 5th, from the convention of New-Jersey, was received and read.

The board of war brought in a report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That Carpenter Wharton be appointed commissary to supply with rations the militia who are immediately to march from Pennsylvania to New-Jersey, until the commissary general shall order otherwise:

That William Sherman, jun. be appointed paymaster of colonel Warner's regiment:

That major Rogers be sent to New-Hampshire, to be disposed of as the government of that state shall judge best.

Sundry letters were received and read, viz.

One from general Washington of the 4th and 5th:

One of the 1st from gen. Schuyler to general Washington; and,

One of the 24th of June, from brigadier general Sullivan to general Schuyler:

*Resolved*, That the same be referred to the board of war.

*Resolved*, That the agents in Massachusetts-Bay and Rhode-Island, be directed to send the arms taken out of the Scotch transports, to general Washington at New-York.

*Resolved*, That a copy of a letter received from J. Green be forwarded to general Washington, and that he be desired to send for such parts of the stores therein mentioned, as he shall think proper.

Application being made by William Kelsay, who has raised a company in New-Jersey, for a sum of money to defray the expences of said company to New-York:

*Ordered*, That Mr. Mease advance one month's pay to captain Kelsay, for the use of his company; he to be accountable.

The Congress proceeded to the election of members for the committee on indian affairs, in the room of those absent, and the ballots being taken, Mr. Jefferon, Mr. P. Livingston and Mr. Huntingdon, were chosen.

*Resolved*,

*Resolved*, That Mr. Floyd, Mr. Rodney and Mr. Clark, be added to the committee on the miscarriages in Canada.

*Resolved*, That the secret committee be directed to deliver one ton of powder to the convention of New-York; they to be accountable:

That general Schuyler be directed to collect and audit the public accounts of the late general Montgomery, and to include his pay and the allowance for his table in the adjustment.

The board of treasury laid before Congress an account of James Warren, Esq; late paymaster general of the United Colonies; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the following allowances be made, viz.

For assistants, from 27th July, 1775, to 4th May, 1776, the sum of 276 dollars:

For sundry articles purchased for the use of the office in New-York, 3 dollars and forty-nine seventy-two parts of a dollar:

For horse-hire to William Wyntrop, Esq; and for his attendance and expences in Philadelphia, 100 dollars:

*Ordered*, That Mr. Warren pay the balance in his hands to Ebenezer Hancock, Esq; deputy paymaster general for the eastern department.

Adjourned to nine o'clock on Monday.

MONDAY, July 8, 1776.

A letter of the 4th from general Washington, and one of the 6th from the convention of New-Jersey, were laid before Congress and read.

*Resolved*, That the secret committee be directed to send four tons of powder, and a sufficient quantity of cartridge-paper, to general Mercer, for the use of the flying camp.

*Resolved*, That an order for 20,000 dollars be drawn on the treasurers, in favour of James Mease; he to be accountable.

A letter from Mrs. Connolly was laid before Congress and read;

*Resolved*, That it be referred to the committee of safety of Pennsylvania, and that it be recommended to said committee, to make proper provision for Mrs. Connolly, 'till farther order of Congress.

*Resolved*, That the commanding officer of the military associates of Philadelphia, be directed not to order captain Peters out of the city, as his service and attendance is necessary in the war-office.

*Resolved*, That the post-masters, while in office, be excused from all military duty.

A letter of the 4th, from the convention of Maryland, inclosing resolutions for raising three thousand four hundred men for the flying camp, was received and read:

*Resolved*, That major general Gates be informed, that it was the intention of Congress to give him the command of the troops whilst in Canada, but that they had no design to vest him with a superior

rior command to general Schuyler, whilst the troops should be on this side Canada; and that the president write to major general Schuyler and major-general Gates, stating this matter, and recommending to them to carry on the military operations with harmony, and in such manner as shall best promote the public service:

That a copy of the foregoing resolution be transmitted to general Washington.

The committee of safety of Pennsylvania having recommended Daniel Burkhard, George Hubley, Jacob Bunner and Benjamin Weiser, to be captains of the four companies of Germans to be raised in that state;

*Resolved*, That they be approved, and that commissions be granted to them accordingly.

The board of war brought in a report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That general Washington be vested with discretionary power to call to his assistance at New-York, such of the continental regiments in the Massachusetts Bay, as have not already received orders to march to Ticonderoga; and that the general court of that state be requested to supply their places with militia, if they think it expedient:

That the commissary general have full power to supply both armies, that upon the lakes as well as that at New-York; and also to appoint and employ such persons under him, and to remove any deputy commissary, as he shall judge proper and expedient; it being absolutely necessary, that the supply of both armies should be under one direction.

The Congress then proceeded to the election of a deputy quarter-master general for the flying camp, and the ballots being taken,

Clement Biddle was elected deputy quarter-master general for the flying camp, and for the militia of Pennsylvania and New-Jersey, ordered to rendezvous at Trenton.

*Resolved*, That to-morrow be assigned for the election of a deputy muster-master general for the flying camp and militia aforesaid.

*Resolved*, That the committee for providing medicines be directed to supply the militia aforesaid with a sufficient quantity of suitable medicines.

*Resolved*, That an order for 60,000 dollars be drawn on the treasurers, in favour of the delegates of Georgia, for the use of the continental battalions; the state of Georgia to be accountable.

*Resolved*, That general Washington be empowered to appoint suitable places of rendezvous for the new battalions raising for Canada, and communicate the same to the assemblies of New-Hampshire, Massachusetts Bay, Connecticut and New-York; also to issue his orders for supplying the men with rations, tents, a month's pay advance, and other necessaries.

*Resolved,*



*Resolved*, That Mr. Mease be directed to advance one month's pay to such of the militia as will engage to serve in the flying camp.

*Resolved*, That an order for 5000 dollars be drawn on the treasurers, in favour of Mr. George Evans, contractor, for supplying the Delaware battalion; he to be accountable.

A letter of the 5th, from the committee of safety of Delaware government, with sundry papers enclosed, was laid before Congress and read:

*Resolved*, That the same be referred to the delegates of Maryland and Delaware.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, July 9, 1776.

The board of war brought in a report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That Abraham Sheppard be appointed captain;  
 Samuel Finley, first-lieutenant;  
 William Killey, second-lieutenant;  
 Henry Bidinger, third-lieutenant;

of the Virginia rifle company: and that the delegates of Virginia be impowered to write to the several county committees in that state, where they think it most proper and probable for the men to be raised, requesting the said committees to recommend officers for the appointment of Congress, to fill up colonel Stevenson's regiment; the officers so recommended to have power immediately to enlist their men, and commissions to be sent them as soon as possible, and that 7000 dollars be paid into the hands of colonel Stevenson, for bounty money, and other regimental expences:

That a farther sum of 5000 dollars be paid into the hands of said colonel Stevenson, and 2500 dollars to the delegates of Maryland for the use of the said regiment; they to be accountable.

*Resolved*, That Mr. Palfrey, late aid de camp of general Washington, have the rank of lieutenant-colonel in the continental army.

The Congress proceeded to the election of a deputy-muster-master general for the flying camp and militia ordered to rendezvous at Trenton, and the ballots being taken;

Jonathan B. Smith was elected.

*Resolved*, That an order for 10,000 dollars be drawn on the treasurers in favour of the committee of secret correspondence for the purchase of two vessels, they to be accountable.

The committee to whom the petition of William Poole was referred, brought in their report; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That twenty dollars be paid to the said William Poole for his present support, till regulations are made for the relief of disabled soldiers.

*Resolved*,



*Resolved*, That the reverend Mr. Duché be appointed chaplain to Congress, and that he be desired to attend every morning at nine o'clock.

*Resolved*, That the committee of safety of Pennsylvania release Allen McDonald of Kingsborough, a prisoner in the goal of Philadelphia, on his parole, and that upon signing the parole he be treated agreeable to former resolutions of Congress.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to settle a cartel for exchange of prisoners;

The members chosen Mr. Braxton, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Harrison.

*Resolved*, That such of the militia as are employed in making gun locks, and such as are employed in making cannon, and powder, be detained from marching on the present occasion to New-Jersey.

*Resolved*, That five of the committee appointed to enquire into the causes of the miscarriages in Canada be a quorum to proceed to business.

The committee on the treasury to whom the claims of John Walker and Willie Jones, Esqrs; commissioners for indian affairs in the southern department were referred, reported that there is due,

To John Walker, Esq; for 139 days he was employed in the southern department at the rate of 4 dollars a day, 556 dollars:

To Willie Jones, Esq; for his expences attending indian affairs at Salisbury, and travelling to sundry places, 250 dollars, and for 95 days on duty at 4 dollars a day, 380 dollars:

*Ordered*, That the said accounts be paid.

A memorial from Ludwick Karcher was presented to Congress and read:

*Resolved*, That it be referred to the board of war.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow.

#### WEDNESDAY, July 10, 1776.

*Resolved*, That one month's pay be advanced to the militia of Pennsylvania ordered to march to Trenton, the same to be paid after the men are mustered:

That Mr. J. Mease be directed to deliver to Mr. C. Biddle, the deputy-quarter master general for the flying camp, and militia, such tents and other articles as he has belonging to the continent, and which may be wanted for the militia and flying camp.

The board of war brought in a report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the committee of Lancaster be impowered, and directed to keep a guard over the prisoners, in the barracks of that borough, and to surround the said barracks with a stockade fort:

That

That the privates, who are prisoners in the town of Reading, be removed to the borough of Lancaster.

A letter from Ephraim Anderson was laid before Congress and read.

*Resolved*, That the president write to general Washington on the subject, enclosing Mr. Anderson's letter, and that Mr. Anderson be referred to the general.

The committee appointed to draw up rules and orders for the government of the house, brought in their report, which was read:

Ordered to lie on the table.

The standing committee for indian affairs brought in a report, which was read:

Ordered to lie on the table.

*Resolved*, That the committee for providing medicines be directed to furnish Dr. Allison with a sett of instruments, and that the director general supply him with proper medicines.

The committee to whom the cartel, between brigadier general Arnold and captain Forster, and the several papers thereto relating were recommitted, brought in their report, which was read as follows:

That having made diligent enquiry into the facts, they find, that a party of 390 continental troops, under the command of colonel Bedel, was posted at the Cedars, about 43 miles above Montreal; that they had there formed some works of defence, the greater part of them picketed lines, the rest a breastwork of earth, with two field pieces mounted:

That, on Wednesday, the 15th of May, colonel Bedel received intelligence, that a party of the enemy, consisting of about 600 regulars, Canadians and indians, were on their way to attack his post, and were then within nine miles of it: that colonel Bedel thereon set out himself for Montreal to procure a reinforcement whereupon the command at the Cedars devolved on Major Butterfield:

That, on Thursday, a reinforcement, under the command of Major Sherburne, marched from Montreal for the Cedars, while a larger detachment should be getting ready to proceed thither with brigadier general Arnold:

That, on Friday the seventeenth, the enemy, under the command of captain Forster, invested the post at the Cedars, and for two days kept up a loose scattering fire; that Major Butterfield proposed from the very first to surrender the post, and refused repeated solicitations from his officers and men, to permit them to fall out on the enemy:

That, on Sunday afternoon, a flag being sent in by the enemy, Major Butterfield agreed to surrender the fort and garrison to captain Forster; capitulating with him, whether verbally or in writing does not appear, that the garrison should not be put into the hands

hands of the savages, and that their baggage should not be plundered:

That, at the time of the surrender, the enemy consisted of about 40 regulars, one hundred canadians, and five hundred indians, and no cannon; the garrison had sustained no injury from their fire, but the having one man wounded; they had twenty rounds of cartridges a man, thirty rounds for one field piece, five for another, half a barrel of gun powder, fifteen pounds of musquet ball, and provisions sufficient to have lasted them twenty or thirty days: Major Butterfield knew that a reinforcement was on its way, and moreover was so near the main body of the army, that he could not doubt of being supported by that:

That, immediately on the surrender, the garrison was put into the custody of the savages, who plundered them of their baggage, and even stripped them of their cloaths:

That major Sherburne having landed on Monday the 20th, at Quinze Chenes, about nine miles from the Cedars, and marched on with his party, consisting then of one hundred men, to within four miles thereof, was there attacked by about five hundred of the enemy; that he maintained his ground about an hour, and then being constrained to retreat, performed the same in good order, receiving and returning a constant fire for about forty minutes, when the enemy finding means to post advanced parties, in such a manner, as to intercept his farther retreat, they also were made prisoners of war:

That they were immediately put into the custody of the savages, carried to where major Butterfield and his party were, and stripped of their baggage and wearing apparel:

That two of them were put to death that evening, four or five others at different times afterwards, one of whom was of those who surrendered on capitulation at the Cedars, and was killed on the 8th day after that surrender; that one was first shot, and while retaining life and sensation, was roasted, as was related by his companion now in possession of the savages, who himself saw the fact; and that several others being worn down by famine and cruelty, were left exposed in an island naked and perishing with cold and hunger:

That, while major Sherburne was in custody of the enemy, captain Forster required of him, and the other officers, to sign a cartel stipulating the exchange of themselves and their men for as many of equal condition of the British troops in our possession; farther that notwithstanding the exchange, neither themselves nor men should ever again bear arms against the British government; and for the performance of this, four hostages were to be delivered, which, they being under the absolute power of the enemy, did sign:

That on Sunday the 26th the prisoners were carried to Quinze Chenes, when it was discovered that general Arnold was approaching, and making dispositions to attack them:

That captain Forster having desired major Sherburne to attend a flag, which he was about to send to general Arnold for confirmation of the cartel, carried him into the council of indians, then sitting, who told him, that it was a mercy never before shewn in their wars, that they had put to death so few of the prisoners; but that he must expect and so inform general Arnold, that they should certainly kill every man, who should thereafter fall into their hands :

That captain Forster joined in desiring that this bloody message should be delivered to general Arnold, and moreover that he should be notified, that if he rejected the cartel, and attacked him, every man of the prisoners would be put to instant death:

That general Arnold was extremely averse from entering into any agreement, and was at length induced to do it by no other motive, than that of saving the prisoners from cruel and inhuman death, threatened in such terms as left no doubt it was to be perpetrated, and that he did at length conclude it, after several flags received from captain Forster, and a relinquishment by him of the unequal article restraining our soldiers from again bearing arms:

That the prisoners so stipulated to be given up to the enemy, were not in the possession of general Arnold, nor under his direction, but were, at that time distributed in various parts of the continent, under the orders of this house:

That four hostages were accordingly delivered to captain Forster, who were immediately plundered and stripped by the savages; and on his part were delivered, one major, four captains, sixteen subalterns and three hundred and fifty five privates as specified in a certificate of captain James Osgood and others, of whom no specification by their names or numbers has yet been transmitted; that he retained twelve Canadians alledging in his justification express orders so to do, and that living in a military government, they were to be considered even in a worse light than deserters from his majesty's armies: These he carried away in irons, but afterwards released: That he permitted the indians to carry into their countries several other natives of the United States for purposes unknown:

That, during the time of their captivity, not half food was allowed the prisoners; they were continually insulted, buffeted and ill treated by the savages; and when the first parties of them were carried off from the shore to be delivered to general Arnold, balls of mud were fired at them, and at the last parties musket balls.

The Congress taking into consideration the foregoing report, came to the following resolutions:

*Resolved,*



*Resolved*, That all acts contrary to good faith, the laws of nature, or the customs of civilized nations, done by the officers or soldiers of his Britannic majesty, or by foreigners or savages taken into his service, are to be considered as done by his orders, unless indemnification be made in cases which admit indemnification, and in all other cases, unless immediate and effective measures be taken by him, or by his officers, for bringing to condign punishment the authors, abettors and perpetrators of the act :

That the plundering the baggage of the garrison at the Cedars, stripping them of their cloaths, and delivering them into the hands of the savages, was a breach of the capitulation on the part of the enemy, for which indemnification ought to be demanded :

That the murder of the prisoners of war was a gross and inhuman violation of the laws of nature and nations; that condign punishment should be inflicted on the authors, abettors and perpetrators of the same; and that, for this purpose, it be required, that they be delivered into our hands :

That the agreement entered into by general Arnold, was a mere sponson on his part; he not being invested with powers for the disposal of prisoners not in his possession, nor under his direction; and that, therefore, it is subject to be ratified or annulled, at the discretion of this house :

That the shameful surrender of the post at the Cedars, is chargeable on the commanding officer; that such other of the prisoners, as were taken there, shewed a willingness and desire to fight the enemy; and that major Sherburne and the prisoners taken with him, though their disparity of numbers was great, fought the enemy bravely for a considerable time, and surrendered at last, but on absolute necessity; on which consideration, and on which alone it is resolved, that the said sponson be ratified; and that an equal number of captives from the enemy, of the same rank and condition, be restored to them, as stipulated by the said sponson :

That, previous to the delivery of the prisoners to be returned on our part, the British commander in Canada be required to deliver into our hands the authors, abettors and perpetrators of the horrid murder committed on the prisoners, to suffer such punishment as their crime deserves; and also to make indemnification for the plunder at the Cedars, taken contrary to the faith of the capitulation; and that, until such delivery and indemnification be made, the said prisoners be not delivered :

That, if the enemy shall commit any further violences, by putting to death, torturing, or otherwise ill treating the prisoners retained by them, or any of the hostages put into their hands, recourse be had to retaliation, as the sole means of stopping the progress of human butchery; and that for that purpose, punishments of the same kind and degree be inflicted on an equal number of the captives

captives from them in our possession, 'till they shall be taught to respect the violated rights of nations:

That a copy of the above report and resolutions be transmitted to the commander in chief of the continental forces, to be by him sent to generals Howe and Burgoyne.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, July 11, 1776.

Sundry letters were received and read, viz.

One of the 9th, from the convention of New-Jersey:

One of the same date, from the committee of Easton, and three from officers, prisoners, desiring leave to come to Philadelphia.

*Resolved*, That the letter from the convention of New-Jersey be referred to the board of war, who are desired to report thereon as soon as possible.

*Resolved*, That Mr. T. Matlack be directed to deliver to Mr. C. Biddle, deputy quarter-master general for the flying camp, such of the continental stores in his possession, as may be necessary for said flying camp.

The general having recommended the following gentlemen to be officers of the two remaining rifle companies of colonel Stevenson's battalion at New-York, viz.

Philemon Griffith, captain:

Thomas Hufley Lucket, first lieutenant:

Adamson Tannahill, second lieutenant:

Henry Hardman, third lieutenant:

Richard Davis, captain:

Daniel Cressap, first lieutenant:

Nieman Tannehill, second lieutenant:

Henry Hardman, third lieutenant:

*Resolved*, That they be accepted, and commissions granted to them accordingly.

*Resolved*, That an order for 213 dollars and one-third be drawn on the treasurers, in favour of the delegates of Maryland, to defray the expences of transporting powder to Maryland; they to be accountable.

Three petitions; one from major Melchior, one from John Doyle and one from Benjamin Flower, were presented to Congress and read:

*Resolved*, That they be referred to the board of war.

A petition from John Cox was presented to Congress and read; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the secret committee be directed to sell Mr. Cox half a ton of powder, for the use of the private vessel of war by him fitted out.

A petition from Cox, Furman and others, was presented to Congress and read, together with a memorial from the committee

of inspection and observation for the city and liberties of Philadelphia, recommending their case to the notice of Congress; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the petitioners have leave to dispose of the goods mentioned in their petition.

A letter of the 10th, from general Washington, and five letters of the 5th and 6th, from governor Trumbull, were laid before Congress and read.

The board of war, to whom the letter from the convention of New-Jersey was referred, brought in a report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That a letter be written to the convention of New-Jersey, informing them,—that, as they have not inclosed to Congress copies of general Washington's and brigadier general Livingston's letters, no judgment can be formed by Congress, concerning the contents of them, until copies are sent;—that measures are taking in Pennsylvania and Maryland, for forming the flying camp;—that, in the mean while, the associated militia are marching in great numbers from Pennsylvania, for the defence of New-Jersey;—that ammunition has been and will be supplied by this Congress, for the defence of New-Jersey;—that, with regard to the pay of the militia, Congress will observe the same rule of conduct towards New-Jersey, as towards other colonies:

That it be notified to the convention of Virginia, that the Congress are willing to take into continental possession the forts at the mouths of Wheeling and the great Kanhaway, and the fort at Pittsburg now in possession of that colony; and also to receive, on the continental establishment, the garrisons in these forts, if the said convention shall desire it.

The marine committee reported, that, in pursuance of the order of Congress, they have called before them divers of the inferior officers belonging to the ships Alfred and Columbus, and having heard their complaints against the captains Saltonstall and Whipple, in their presence, are of opinion, that the charge against captain Saltonstall does not appear to the committee to be well founded, and that the charge against captain Whipple amounts to nothing more than a rough, indelicate mode of behaviour to his marine officers; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the marine committee be directed to order the captains Saltonstall and Whipple to repair to their respective commands; and that it be recommended to captain Whipple to cultivate harmony with his officers.

Dr. Franklin, one of the commissioners to Canada, laid before Congress an account of his expenditures:

*Resolved*, That the same be referred to the board of treasury.

The president acquainted Congress, that last evening information was given to him of a conspiracy or plot carrying on for liberating

berating the prisoners in the gaol of Philadelphia and other evil designs; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That a committee of five be appointed, and that they, together with the president, be directed to make strict enquiry into the truth of the matter, and if they find the information well grounded, to take such steps as they shall judge prudent and effectual for defeating the machinations of the conspirators; and in case of necessity, to call upon the brigadier general or commanding officer of the associators, for the aid of the military:

The members chosen, Mr. Jefferson, Mr. Stockton, Mr. Guinet, Mr. Morris and Mr. Wilson.

A letter from Mr. Mease was laid before Congress and read; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That an order for 40,000 dollars be drawn on the treasurers, in favour of Mr. Mease, to enable him to advance a month's pay to the military associators of Pennsylvania, ordered into New-Jersey, and to those who engage to form the flying camp; he to be accountable.

The committee of claims reported, that there is due,

To Thomas Amor, for boarding general Lee's guard, the sum of 34 dollars and twenty-two-ninetieths:

To colonel Nelson, for expences of an express, the sum of 4 dollars and eighty-four-ninetieths:

To Casper Miller, for provisions, &c. for general Lee's guard, the sum of 33 dollars and twenty-seven-ninetieths;

To Thomas Dundas, for rifles supplied colonel Irwine's battalion, the sum of 313 dollars and seventy-eight-ninetieths, and that the same ought to be charged to said battalion:

To Joseph Hewes, Esq; for expences paid for the carriage, guard, &c. of powder, to North-Carolina, the sum of 660 dollars and thirty-four-ninetieths:

To Timothy Matlack, on account, 200 dollars;

To William Trickett, for stationary, the sum of 204 dollars and fifty-one-ninetieths:

*Ordered*, That the said accounts be paid.

The committee, to whom the letter from John Macpherson of the 31st of May, was referred, reported,

That they have examined Mr. Macpherson, respecting the contents of his letter, who alledged, that he had a promise of being appointed commander in chief of the American navy, by Messrs. Randolph, Hopkins and J. Rutledge, a committee of Congress, to whom he communicated an important secret, but that he produced no evidence in support of such allegation; that they enquired of Mr. Hopkins about this promise, in the presence of Mr. Macpherson, and that Mr. Hopkins declared he recollected nothing of the kind; whereupon,

*Resolved*,



*Resolved*, That the application and request of Mr. Macpherson is unreasonable.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, July 12, 1776.

Sundry letters were laid before Congress and read, viz.

One of the 11th, from brigadier general Woolster :

One from Mrs. Connolly; and

One of the 10th, from the convention of New-Jersey :

*Resolved*, That the last be referred to the board of war.

*Resolved*, That the committee appointed on the 8th of May last, on the instructions given to commodore Hopkins, be discharged ; and that the matters to them referred, be committed to the marine committee, who are invested with the same powers as the committee, now discharged, were at their appointment ; and that the said marine committee be directed to proceed to enquire, as well how far the said commodore has complied with the instructions given him by the naval committee, as into the complaints reported by the marine committee on the 13th of June, to have been exhibited against him.

The committee appointed to examine the claims of Mr. Charles Walker, for the hire and expences of his sloop Endeavour and the damages he has sustained, in consequence of her being taken into the service of the United Colonies, and brought from New-Providence to New-London by commodore Hopkins, brought in their report, which was taken into consideration ; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the said sloop Endeavour be restored to the said Charles Walker, with all her stores and materials, as she came from sea, and now lies at New-London :

That the sum of two thousand dollars be paid to the said Charles Walker, for the hire of her, and in lieu of all losses, damages, premiums of insurance, and expences whatever :

That the said Charles Walker be permitted to invest the balance of the said 2000 dollars, or what remains after defraying his expences, and paying for the repairs and outfit of his vessel, in produce, and export the same.

The committee appointed to prepare articles of confederation, brought in a draught, which was read :

*Ordered*, That eighty copies, and no more, of the confederation, as brought in by the committee, be immediately printed and deposited with the secretary, who shall deliver one copy to each member ;

That the printer be under oath to deliver all the copies, which he shall print together with the copy sheet to the secretary, and not to disclose either directly or indirectly, the contents of the said confederation :

That no member furnish any person with his copy, or take any steps

steps by which the said confederation may be re-printed, and that the secretary be under the like injunction.

The committee appointed to take into consideration the memorial of the director general of the American hospital brought in their report, which was read:

Ordered to lie on the table.

*Resolved*, That Mr. Hopkinson be added to the marine committee.

*Resolved*, That the secretary be impowered to employ an assistant clerk.

The committee on the treasury, to whom the account of Dr. Franklin, one of the commissioners to Canada was referred, reported that there is due to said Dr. Franklin the sum of 1221 dollars and eighteen ninetieths, of which

560 dollars to be charged to brigadier-general Arnold :

124 do. advanced to Charles Carrol of Carrolton, Esq;

164 do. and seventy-eight ninetieths, paid for bedding &c. for the use of the commissioners and which now remains deposited with the commissary of stores at Albany, and

372 dollars and thirty ninetieths, expended by Messrs. Franklin and J. Carrol in their journey to, and from, and in Canada :

*Ordered*, That the said account be paid.

Adjourned to nine o'clock on Monday next.

The Congress being called together on

SUNDAY, July 14, 1776.

Two letters from general Washington dated 11th and 12th, were laid before Congress and read.

*Resolved*, That an order for 20,000 dollars be drawn on the treasurers in favour of C. Biddle, deputy-quarter master general for the use of the flying camp and militia ordered to New-Jersey; he to be accountable :

That Mr. Biddle be directed to use every method to forward the flour at Trenton to the places where it is wanted:

That he be impowered to appoint an assistant :

That he be directed to furnish tents, camp kettles, and canteens for an army of 20,000 men, including such of those articles, as he has received from Mr. Mease :

That he be directed to employ one or more armourers for the army in New-Jersey :

That application be made to the convention of New-Jersey to supply all the lead they possibly can for the flying camp and militia:

That application be made to the committee of safety of Pennsylvania, desiring them to supply the flying camp and militia in New-Jersey with as many musket cartridges well balled, as they can possibly spare:

That

That the secret committee be directed to supply the committee of safety of Pennsylvania, with a quantity of powder equal to that spared to the continent in cartridges :

That an exprefs be sent to overtake the powder waggons gone to Virginia, with a letter to colonel F. Lewis, desiring him to send in the return waggons all the lead he can collect at Fredericksburg:

That the committee or council of safety of Virginia be requested to send to Philadelphia by the return of the waggons as much of the lead they now have at Williamsburg, as they can spare, and to order from the mines 15 or 20 tons more of lead to Philadelphia, as soon as possible :

That a letter be written to the commanding officer in New-Jersey to march such of the militia, and flying camp to Brunswick or other places in New-Jersey, as he may judge necessary, and most conducive to the publick service, provided that this does not interfere with any prior directions of general Washington :

That the committee of safety of Pennsylvania be requested immediately to order to the several places of their destination all the British officers, prisoners in this city ; their wives not to be desired to go, until the weather is more suitable :

That the commanding officer in Pennsylvania be desired to issue fresh orders, and exert himself to forward the immediate march of the militia to New-Jersey : The service requiring their being immediately embodied, as appears by the advices received by expresse from general Washington :

That the deputy quarter master general be directed to request the use of some house of public worship to cover the troops during their short stay in this city.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow.

MONDAY, *July 15, 1776.*

Sundry letters were laid before Congress and read, viz.

One from Mr. J. Jay of the 6th, inclosing a memorial from Samuel Tredwell Pell of the manor of Pelham :

One from the committee of Lancaster of the 11th :

One from the committee of Reading of the 13th ; and

Two from the convention of New-York of the 11th, with sundry papers inclosed, among which were the following resolutions :

“ In convention of the representatives of the state of New-York,  
White Plains, July 9, 1776.

Resolved unanimously, that the reasons assigned by the continental Congress for declaring the United Colonies free and independent states, are cogent and conclusive, and that while we lament the cruel necessity, which has rendered that measure unavoidable, we approve the same, and will at the risque of our lives and fortunes join with the other colonies in supporting it.

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Resolved,

*Resolved* unanimously, That the delegates of this state, in the Continental Congress, be and they hereby are authorized to concert and adopt all such measures as they may deem conducive to the happiness and welfare of the United States of America.

Extract from the minutes, ROBERT BENSON, Secretary."

*Resolved*, That the letters from the convention of New-York, with the papers inclosed, be referred to the board of war:

That the general's letters of the 10th, 11th and 12th, be referred to the board of war.

*Resolved*, That the case of the officers ordered from New-Jersey to Pennsylvania, be referred to the board of war, and that they be directed to examine into the conduct of said officers and their servants, and to order them to such places, and to be disposed of in such manner, as they shall think proper.

*Resolved*, That the sum of 55 dollars be paid to major Henry Sherburne, for his expences from the 6th of June, the time he left Canada, to this day, with a farther allowance of eight days expences to join his regiment.

*Resolved*, That two members be elected for the board of treasury, in the room of two who are absent:

The members chosen, Mr. P. Livingston and Mr. Reed.

A letter from an officer of colonel Hazen's battalion, was laid before Congress and read:

*Resolved*, That it be referred to the committee on the miscarriages in Canada.

A petition and memorial of captain James Rofs was received and read:

*Resolved*, That it be referred to the committee of claims.

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to Patrick Henry, Esq; governor of Virginia, to give orders for manning and sending to sea, under convoy, the brigantine Fanny, captain Tokely, which is loaded on account of the continent.

*Resolved*, That a committee to consist of a member from Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania and New-Jersey, be appointed to consider the propriety and means of augmenting the flying camp:

The members chosen, Mr. Jefferson, Mr. Stone, Mr. Reed, Mr. Morton and Mr. Stockton.

*Resolved*, That the battalion for the defence of the western frontiers, be raised in the counties of Westmoreland and Bedford, in the following proportions, to wit, seven companies in Westmoreland, and one company in Bedford:

That the commissioned officers of the several companies, be appointed by the committee of the county in which they are to be raised.

*Resolved*, That to-morrow be assigned for electing the field officers of the German battalion.

*Resolved*,



*Resolved*, That a chief physician be appointed for the flying camp, and that his pay be four dollars a day :

The ballots being taken and examined,  
Doctor William Shippen, jun. was elected.

*Resolved*, That to-morrow be assigned for electing a commissary of military stores, and a deputy adjutant general for the flying camp.

*Resolved*, That Thursday morning be assigned for taking into consideration the report of the committee of ways and means.

*Resolved*, That Alexander McDonald, son of captain McDonald, be liberated on his parole, and allowed to reside with his father.

A petition from John Hannum was presented to Congress and read :

*Resolved*, That the same, together with the papers accompanying it, be referred to the secret committee.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow.

#### TUESDAY, July 16, 1776.

Sundry letters were laid before Congress and read, viz.

One from general Washington of the 14th :

One from brigadier general Sullivan, of the 2d, from Crown-point :

One from the committee of Lancaster, of the 13th :

One from Samuel Blackden, of the 16th :

*Resolved*, That the letter from general Washington be referred to the board of war :

That Samuel Blackden be referred to the deputy paymaster and deputy commissary general in the northern department.

*Resolved*, That general Washington be desired to lodge powder with such persons as he may think proper, for the use of such parts of the state of New-York, as he may apprehend exposed to danger, and that the commanding officer in New-Jersey do the same in that colony ; and that general Washington, and the said commanding officer in New-Jersey, be impowered to draw from the mills of Messrs. Wisner, Livingston and Ford, any powder which may be requisite for these purposes, or for the use of their respective camps.

The board of war brought in a report, which was taken into consideration ; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That there be appointed by the commanding officer of each regiment in the continental army, a serjeant major, quarter master serjeant, drum major and fife major, who shall respectively hold no other appointment but those before mentioned, and that their pay be one dollar a month each, more than that allowed to a serjeant, drum or fife in said regiment :

That a warrant be made out to John Doyle, to be a captain of a company of rifle men to be raised for three years, unless sooner discharged

discharged by Congress; his commission to be given him as soon as his company is full:

That a paymaster be appointed to each regiment in the army of the United States, with a salary of 26 dollars and two-thirds a month:

That the application to Congress from Mr. Rowland Chambers, desiring to be appointed paymaster to the New-Jersey troops at New-York, cannot be complied with, as such an appointment would interfere with the duty of the paymaster general, within whose department it properly lies:

That half a dollar a week be allowed to each of the Connecticut light horse, who have joined the army at New-York, for the maintenance of his horse for so long time only as the general shall think it necessary for such horse to continue in the service:

That general Schuyler be directed to take every possible precaution to cleanse the army, under his command, from the infection of the small-pox:

That it be recommended to the convention of Pennsylvania now sitting to take such measures as they may judge proper and necessary, for procuring as much lead, within that state, as can be obtained for the supply of the flying camp:

That three commissioners be appointed by Congress to repair as soon as may be to New-York, there to audit the accounts of the commissary general, quarter master general, and director general of the hospital, and all other accounts of the army; the said commissioners to take an oath for the faithful execution of their trust:

That three commissioners be appointed for the like purposes in the northern army:

That general Washington be informed, that the bounty granted by the resolution of Congress of the 26th of June, was intended as a general regulation, and to extend to all such men now in the continental service, and all others, who will enlist for the term of three years, to be computed from and after the expiration of the term of their present enlistment.

*Resolved*, That Monsieur Kirmovan be appointed an engineer in the continental service, with the pay of 60 dollars a month, and the rank of lieutenant colonel:

c That he be ordered immediately to repair to New-Jersey, and put himself under the command of the officer commanding the flying camp.

*Resolved*, That Richard Humpton be employed in the continental service, with the rank and pay of lieutenant colonel:

That Samuel Dawson be employed in the continental service, with the rank and pay of captain:

That they be ordered to repair immediately to New-Jersey, and put themselves under the command of the officer commanding the flying camp.

*Resolved*,

*Resolved*, That general Washington be desired to call to his assistance, at New-York, two thousand of the men who have marched into New Jersey to form the flying camp, and that the convention of New-Jersey be requested immediately to supply their places with an equal number of the militia of that state; that letters be written to the states of Massachusetts-Bay, Connecticut and New-Jersey, setting forth the situation of our affairs in the New-York department, and pressing them immediately to comply with the requisition of Congress of the 3d of June:

That the situation of our army at New-York be pointed out to the state of Connecticut, and that it be earnestly recommended to that state immediately to send all the militia thereof, which can be spared, into New-York, to reinforce the army there, and continue in service until the proportions requested of the several states shall arrive.

The Congress proceeded to the election of a commissary of military stores for the flying camp, and the ballots being taken, Benjamin Flower, Esq; was elected.

A letter from S. Chafe, Esq; of the 8th was laid before Congress and read;

*Resolved*, That the same, together with the petition of Mr. Mentges, read the 12th, be referred to the delegates of Pennsylvania and Maryland.

A petition from captain Benedict was presented to Congress and read; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That a copy of said petition be sent to general Schuyler, and that he be desired to order the accounts of captain Benedict to be settled and paid, or to inform Congress of the reasons why payment ought to be withheld.

*Resolved*, That Mr. Wisner be empowered to employ a proper person to manufacture gunflints.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to morrow.

#### WEDNESDAY, July 17, 1776.

*Resolved*, That the secret committee be directed immediately to deliver to Mr. J. Mease half a ton of salt petre, to be by him forwarded to col. Moylan, quarter master general.

Sundry letters were laid before Congress and read, viz.

One from the convention of New-York, dated the 12th, with sundry papers enclosed, which were referred to the board of war:

One from brigadier general Wooster:

One of the 11th from Richard Ellis; and,

One of the 15th from Carpenter Wharton.

*Resolved*, That an order for 15,000 dollars be drawn on the treasurers, in favour of Carpenter Wharton; he to be accountable.

The board of war to whom the letter of general Washington of the

the 14th was referred, brought in their report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That general Washington, in refusing to receive a letter said to be sent from lord Howe, addressed to "George Washington, Esq;" acted with a dignity becoming his station; and therefore, this Congress do highly approve the same; and do direct, that no letter or message be received on any occasion whatsoever from the enemy, by the commander in chief, or others the commanders of the American army, but such as shall be directed to them in the characters they respectively sustain.

The president informed Congress, that he had been under the disagreeable necessity of committing captain Gamble to prison, on account of his ill behaviour; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the board of war be directed to inquire into the conduct of captain Gamble, since he was made prisoner of war, and report specially to Congress.

The Congress took into consideration the report of the committee on the memorial of the director-general of the American hospital; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the number of hospital surgeons and mates be increased in proportion to the augmentation of the army, not exceeding one surgeon and five mates to every five thousand men, to be reduced when the army is reduced, or when there is no farther occasion for such a number:

That as many persons be employed in the several hospitals in quality of store keepers, stewards, managers and nurses, as are necessary for the service, for the time being, to be appointed by the directors of the respective hospitals:

That the several regimental chests of medicines, and chirurgical instruments, which now are, or hereafter shall be in the possession of the regimental surgeons, be subject to the inspection and inquiry of the respective directors of hospitals and the director general; and that the said regimental surgeons shall from time to time, when thereto required, render account of the said medicines and instruments, to the said director, or if there be no director in any particular department, to the director general: The said accounts to be transmitted to the director general, and by him to this Congress: And the medicines and instruments not used by any regimental surgeon to be returned, when the regiment is reduced, to the respective directors, and an account thereof by them rendered to the director general, and by him to this Congress:

That the several directors of hospitals, in the several departments, and the regimental surgeons, where there is no director, shall transmit to the director general regular returns of the number of surgeons mates, and other officers employed under them, their names and pay: Also an account of the expences and furniture of the hospital under their direction; and that the director  
general



general make report of the same from time to time to the commander in chief, and this Congress :

That the several regimental and hospital surgeons, in the several departments, make weekly returns of the sick to the respective directors in their departments :

That no regimental surgeon be allowed to draw upon the hospital of his department for any stores, except medicines and instruments ; and that when any sick person shall require other stores, they shall be received into the said hospital, and the rations of the said sick persons be stopped, so long as they are in the said hospital ; and that the directors of the several hospitals report to the commissary the names of the sick, when received into, and when discharged from the hospital, and make a like return to the board of treasury :

That all extra-expences for bandages, old linen, and other articles necessary for the service, incurred by any regimental surgeon, be paid by the director of that department, with the approbation of the commander thereof :

That no more medicines belonging to the continent be disposed of, till further order of Congress :

That the pay of the hospital surgeons be encreased to one dollar, and two thirds of a dollar by the day, the pay of the hospital mates to one dollar by the day, and the pay of the hospital apothecary, to one dollar, and two thirds of a dollar, by the day : And that the hospital surgeons and mates take rank of regimental surgeons and mates :

That the director general and the several directors of hospitals be impowered to purchase with the approbation of the commander of the respective departments, medicines and instruments for the use of their respective hospitals, and draw upon the paymaster for the same, and make report of such purchases to Congress.

*Resolved*, That Nicholas Haufigger be colonel :

George Stricker lieutenant-colonel :

Ludewick Wiltner, major of the German battalion:

*Resolved*, That another company be added to the German battalion:

That David Welper be appointed captain of said company.

*Resolved*, That Samuel Brady be first lieutenant ;

William M<sup>c</sup>Murray second lieutenant ;

Henry Fortney third lieutenant; of captain

Doyle's independant rifle company.

The Congress proceeded to the election of a deputy paymaster general, for the flying camp, and the ballots being taken,

Richard Dallam, Esq; was elected.

*Resolved*, That colonel Smallwood from Maryland be ordered to repair as soon as possible with the troops under his command to New-York, and put himself under the command of the general.

That

That the general be informed that these troops are to be considered as part of the two thousand, which he was impowered to call to his assistance from the flying camp by the resolution passed yesterday.

*Resolved*, That it be earnestly recommended to the convention of New-Jersey, to cause all the stock on the sea coast, which they shall apprehend to be in danger of falling into the hands of the enemy, to be immediately removed, and driven back into the country, to a place of security.

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to revise the journals, and direct what parts ought to be published :

The members chosen, Mr. Jefferson, Mr. Lynch, jun. and Mr. Hopkinson.

A petition from Jean Baptista de Vidal of Canada was presented to Congress and read :

*Resolved*, That it be referred to a committee of five, and that they be directed to inquire into the character of the petitioner, and all others in similar circumstances applying for relief, and report thereon to Congress :

The members chosen Mr. Rush, Mr. Paea, Mr. Heyward, Mr. Chase, and Mr. Walton.

*Resolved*, That Mr. J. Adams, Mr. Harrison and Mr. Morris be a committee to bring in a resolution for subjecting to confiscation, the property of the subjects of the crown of Great-Britain, and particularly of the inhabitants of the British West-Indies taken on the high seas, or between high and low water mark.

The Congress took into consideration, the report of the committee on the rules and orders for the government of the house; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the following rules be observed.

1. So soon as nine states are present, that the Congress proceed to business.

2. No member shall depart from the service of the house, without permission of the Congress, or order from his constituents.

3. No member shall read any printed paper in the house during the sitting thereof, without leave of the Congress.

4. When the house is sitting, no member shall speak to another, so as to interrupt any member who may be speaking in the debate.

5. Every member, when he speaks shall rise from his seat, and address himself to the chair, and when he has finished shall sit down again.

6. No member shall speak more than twice in any one debate without leave of the house.

7. When two members rise together, the president shall name the person to speak.

8. No motion shall be debated, until the same be seconded.

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9. When a motion shall be made, and seconded, it shall be reduced to writing, if desired by the president or any member, delivered in at the table, and read by the president before the same shall be allowed to be debated.

10. When a motion is made and seconded, the matter of the motion shall receive a determination by the question, or be laid aside, by general consent, or postponed by the previous question, before any other motion be received.

11. If a question in a debate contain more parts than one, any member may have the same divided into as many questions, as parts.

12. No person shall be appointed to any office of profit, unless he shall have the consent of seven states, nor shall any ballots be counted unless the person, for whom the ballots shall be given, be first named to the house, before the balloting be gone into.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, July 18, 1776.

The delegates from Maryland laid before Congress the credentials of a new appointment made by their convention; which were read, as follows;

“ In Convention, Annapolis, July 4, 1776.

*Resolved*, That the honourable Matthew Tilghman, Esq; and Thomas Johnson, junr. William Paca, Samuel Chase, Thomas Stone, Charles Carroll, of Carolton; and Robert Alexander, Esqrs; or a majority of them, or of any three or more of them be deputies to represent this colony in Congress, in as full and ample manner as the deputies of this colony might have done under any appointment heretofore made; until the next convention shall make farther order therein. Extract from the minutes.

G. DUVALL, Clk.”

A letter from general Washington of the 15th, was laid before Congress, and read; also sundry intercepted letters from lord Howe to governors Franklin, Penn, Eden, Dunmore, Martin and Wright, together with sundry letters to several private persons:

*Resolved*, That these letters be referred to a committee of three, and that they be directed to examine the private letters, and deliver to the persons to whom directed such of said letters as contain nothing but private matters:

The members chosen, Mr. Jefferson, Mr. Paine and Mr. Carroll.

A letter of the 17th from general Washington, inclosing sundry dispatches from general Schuyler;

Also a letter of the 16th, from brigadier-general Mercer were received and read:

*Resolved*, That these be referred to the board of war.

A letter of the 14th, from the committee of inspection for the county of Cumberland, was read; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the sum of 2,600 dollars be sent to the committee of inspection and observation for the county of Cumberland for the use of the troops raising in that county for the flying camp, the said committee to be accountable.

*Resolved*, That a member be added to the board of war :

The member chosen, Mr. Carroll.

The committee appointed to prepare a plan of treaties to be entered into with foreign states or kingdoms, brought in a report, which was read :

Ordered to lie on the table.

*Resolved*, That the draught of Ephraim Blaine for two thousand dollars on account of blankets purchased by order of Congress for the continental troops in Virginia be paid, and charged to the account of said E. Blaine.

*Resolved*, That the convention of Pennsylvania be informed that the Congress have agreed to the raising of a battalion in the counties of Westmoreland and Bedford for the defence of the western frontiers, and that they be requested immediately to recommend proper persons to Congress for field officers for said battalion.

*Resolved*, That two members be added to the committee appointed to contract for the making cannon :

The members chosen, Mr. Chafe and Mr. Heyward.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, July 19, 1776.

*Resolved*, That two months pay be advanced to colonel Kirmovan ; he to be accountable.

*Resolved*, That an order be drawn for 400 dollars, on the treasurers, in favour of David S. Franks, in full of brigadier general D. Wooster's draught, in his favour on Jonathan Trumbull, dated at Chamblee, the 30th of May, 1776.

*Resolved*, That the subaltern officers of the German battalion do not rank from the dates of their commissions, but that their ranks be established hereafter by Congress.

The committee of safety of Pennsylvania having recommended Frederick Rowlwagen, Peter Boyer, William Rice, and Jacob Bower for first lieutenants : George Shaffer, George Hawbecker, John Landenberger, and Frederick Yeiser for second lieutenants : John Weidman, Christian Helm, Christian Godfried Swartz, and Jacob Cramer for ensigns of the four German companies raising in Pennsylvania :

*Resolved*, That they be accepted, and that commissions be granted to them accordingly.

The board of war brought in a report, which was taken into consideration ; whereupon,

*Resolved*,



*Resolved*, That general Schuyler be desired to enquire into the complaints of the soldiers under his command, and give strict orders, that no higher price be charged for the goods furnished to the soldiers, than the first cost of them, and five per cent. for charges:

That the resolution of Congress, prohibiting any officer from holding more offices than one, be sent to general Schuyler:

That a letter be written to general Schuyler, requesting him to recommend, in the strongest terms, harmony between the officers and troops of the different states; to discountenance and suppress all provincial reflections and ungenerous jealousies of every kind, and to promote, by every possible means, discipline, order, and zeal in the public service.

*Resolved*, That it be earnestly recommended to the convention of Pennsylvania, to hasten, with all possible expedition, the march of the associators into New-Jersey, agreeable to a former request of Congress.

*Resolved*, That the delegates of Maryland be directed to inform the commanding officer of the Maryland troops, that Congress expect he will immediately march with his troops to New-York.

The committee appointed to prepare a resolution for subjecting to confiscation the property of the subjects of Great-Britain, &c. brought in the same, which was read:

Ordered to lie on the table, and that the same be taken into consideration on Monday next.

The Congress proceeded to the election of a deputy adjutant general for the flying camp; and the ballots being taken,

Samuel Griffin, Esq; was elected.

*Resolved*, That Mr. Griffin, as deputy adjutant general, have the rank of colonel.

The committee appointed to enquire into the causes of the miscarriages in Canada, brought in a report, which was read:

Ordered to lie on the table.

*Resolved*, That the committee have leave to sit again:

The committee, to whom the letters from Lord Howe to Mr. Franklin, &c. were referred, brought in a report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon,

*Resolved*; That a copy of the circular letters, and the declaration inclosed from Lord Howe to Mr. William Franklin, Mr. Penn, Mr. Eden, Lord Dunmore, Mr. Martin and Sir James Wright, which were sent to Amboy by a flag; and forwarded to Congress by general Washington, be published in the several gazettes, that the good people of these United States may be informed of what nature are the commissioners, and what the terms, with expectation of which the insidious court of Britain has endeavoured to amuse and disarm them, and that the few, who still remain suspended by a hope founded either in the justice or moderation of their

their late king, may now at length be convinced, that the valour alone of their country is to save its liberties.

The Congress proceeded to the election of commissioners for settling the accounts at New-York, and the ballots being taken,

Mr. William Denning, Mr. Thomas Smith and Mr. James Stevenson, were elected.

A letter of the 2d, from general Lee at Charlestown, inclosing sundry papers, was laid before Congress and read:

*Ordered*, That an extract of general Lee's letter be published,

*Resolved*, That the committee appointed to contract for the making cannon, be impowered to contract with Messrs. Hughes for one thousand tons of cannon, on the terms by them proposed.

*Resolved*, That the paper-makers in Pennsylvania be excused from proceeding with the associators to New-Jersey.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to morrow.

SATURDAY, July 20, 1776.

*Resolved*, That the letter from general Lee, with the papers inclosed, which were received and read yesterday, be referred to the board of war.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the United States of America be given to major general Lee, colonel William Moultrie, colonel William Thompson, and the officers and soldiers under their command, who, on the 28th of June last, repulsed, with so much valour, the attack which was made that day on the state of South-Carolina, by the fleet and army of his Britannic majesty:

That Mr. President transmit the foregoing resolution to general Lee, colonel Moultrie and colonel William Thompson.

A petition and memorial of Monsieur Pelissier was presented to Congress and read:

*Resolved*, That it be referred to the board of war.

The committee appointed to settle a cartel for the exchange of prisoners, brought in their report, which was read:

Ordered to lie on the table, and that the same be taken into consideration on Monday next.

The convention of Pennsylvania having directed the common prisoners to be removed from the new jail to the old, and the said new jail to be given up to the Congress for the use of the state prisoners:

*Resolved*, That Robert Jewel be appointed keeper of the said new jail, and that he take custody of the prisoners committed to his charge.

*Resolved*, That the plan of treaties be printed for the use of the members, under the restrictions and regulations prescribed for printing the plan of confederation; and that, in the printed copy, the names of persons, places and states, be omitted.

*Resolved*, That brigadier general Lewis be directed to forward

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to South-Carolina the whole five tons of powder sent to him for the use of Virginia and South-Carolina.

*Resolved*, That the sum of three thousand dollars, part of the ten thousand dollars voted for the commissioners of indian affairs in the middle department, be advanced to Mr. J. Wilson, to be by him forwarded to the commissioners appointed to attend the treaty at Pittsburgh.

*Resolved*, That the sum of 210 dollars be advanced to the captain of the guard, who is to escort the prisoners from New-Jersey to the place of their destination, in order to defray expences; he to be accountable.

The board of war brought in a report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That a brevet commission of lieutenant colonel be granted to Mons. Jaque Antoine de Francheffin, a knight of the order of St. Louis, an experienced officer in the French service, and who is well recommended in letters from abroad; and that he be ordered to join the flying camp.

*Resolved*, That Dr. Senter be recommended to Dr. Morgan, who is desired to examine him, and, if upon examination he be found qualified, to employ him in the hospital as a surgeon.

A letter of the 19th, from general Washington, inclosing sundry papers; and,

A letter of the 13th, from governor Trumbull, with a list of the cannon at New-London, were laid before Congress and read.

*Resolved*, That the deputy quarter-master general for the flying camp, be directed to deliver to colonel Smallwood, for the use of the Maryland troops, such necessaries in his possession, belonging to the continent, as the said troops may want.

The delegates of Pennsylvania produced credentials of a new appointment, which were read, as follows:

“ In CONVENTION for the State of Pennsylvania,

Saturday, July 20, 1776.

The house met according to adjournment; when, according to the order of the day, they immediately proceeded to the election of delegates to serve in the Continental Congress, and chose for that service, Dr. Benjamin Franklin, col. George Ross, George Clymer, Esq; Robert Morris, Esq; colonel James Wilson, John Morton, Esq; Dr. Benjamin Rush, col. James Smith and George Taylor, Esq; True extract from the minutes,

JOHN MORRIS, Secretary.”

*Resolved*, That colonel Hazlet be ordered to march immediately with his battalion to Philadelphia, and there wait the farther orders of Congress.

*Resolved*, That the sum of 200,000 dollars be sent to the deputy pay-master general for Virginia; he to be accountable.

The convention of Pennsylvania having recommended gentlemen  
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for field officers of the battalion ordered to be raised for the defence of the western frontiers, Congress proceeded to the election; when Eneas M'Coy was elected colonel:

George Wilson, lieutenant colonel:

Richard Butler, major.

*Resolved*, That the sum of 12,500 dollars be advanced to colonel M'Coy, for the bounty and expence of raising said battalion; he to be accountable.

John Boyd was elected paymaster to said battalion.

The committee of claims reported, that there is due,

To captain Dundee, for his subsistence to the 19th instant, and for carriage of baggage, 86 dollars:

To Dr. Beaumont, to the same date, 85 dollars and twenty-two-ninetieths:

To ensign M'Cleod, to the 20th instant, 110 dollars and sixty-ninetieths:

To Finley Miller, surgeon's mate of the 26th regiment, to the 19th of July instant, 79 dollars:

To Arthur Wadman, lieutenant of the 26th regiment, to the 22d of July instant, 162 dollars and sixty-ninetieths:

To James Gill, surgeon of artillery, to the 19th of July instant, 74 dollars:

To Jacob Shalek, lieutenant of artillery, to the 19th of July instant, 74 dollars:

To lieutenant Ibbetson Hamar, to the 19th of July instant, 40 dollars:

To capt. Heskett, for carriage, 75 dollars and thirty-ninetieths; and that the same ought to be paid, agreeable to their request, to Peter Dundee, captain of the royal fuzileers:

That there is due to Michael Brecht, for provisions and attendance of sick soldiers at Reading, the sum of 17 dollars and forty-two-ninetieths:

To Bryan Lefferty, a hostage sent from Tryon county, for his subsistence and expences thence to Philadelphia, 41 dollars and thirty ninetieths:

*Ordered*, That the said accounts be paid.

*Resolved*, That Dr. Franklin may, if he thinks proper, return an answer to the letter he received from Lord Howe.

The committee appointed to devise ways and means for encreasing the flying camp, brought in their report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That brigadier general Lewis be directed to order two battalions of continental troops in Virginia, to march, with all possible dispatch, to the flying camp in New-Jersey, under the command of brigadier general Mercer; and that, if the governor and privy council of Virginia shall have reason to apprehend an invasion of that state, and shall call to its defence an equal number of  
minute



minute men or militia, the same, while in service, shall be on the pay and support of the continent:

That the convention of Pennsylvania be requested to augment their quota for the flying camp, with four battalions of militia, and the convention of New-Jersey to raise for the said flying camp, three battalions of militia in addition to those formerly desired by Congress, and to send the same with all possible dispatch to the said flying camp. And that these several battalions be officered, paid and provided, as directed by the former resolutions for forming the flying camp.

*Resolved*, That in case Mr. Heyman Levy order any money to be paid in Albany to the deputy paymaster general for the northern department, the same shall, upon advice of such money so paid, be repaid to him or his order in Philadelphia.

Adjourned to nine o'clock on Monday.

MONDAY, July 22, 1776.

A letter of the 20th, from the convention of New-Jersey, and one of the 19th, from Ephraim Anderson, and a petition from Levy Allen, were laid before Congress and read.

*Resolved*, That the letter from general Washington received and read on Saturday last, be referred to the board of war.

The Congress took into consideration the report of the committee respecting an exchange of prisoners; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the commander in chief in each department be impowered to negotiate an exchange of prisoners in the following manner, one continental officer, for one of the enemy of equal rank either in the land or sea service, soldier for soldier, sailor for sailor, and one citizen for another citizen:

That each state hath a right to make any exchange they think proper for prisoners taken from them or by them.

*Resolved*, That the several commanders in chief, in each department be directed to exchange any officer in the British service, now a prisoner in any of these states, of or under the rank of colonel, for colonel Eathan Allen.

*Resolved*, That the persons taken prisoners with colonel Eathan Allen be put upon the same footing as those in the continental service, and exchanged accordingly as opportunity presents.

The Congress resumed the consideration of the report of the committee on ways and means, and after debate, the same was disagreed to.

The committee appointed to contract with Messrs. Hughes for one thousand tons of cannon for the use of the United States, reported that they have executed the contract in which is a covenant to advance the said Messrs. Hughes 8000 dollars.

*Resolved*, That an order for 8000 dollars be drawn on the treasurers in favour of Daniel and Samuel Hughes; they to be accountable.

*Resolved*,

*Resolved*, That the board of treasury be directed to make immediate preparation for striking a farther sum of five millions of dollars in bills of credit.

*Resolved*, That captain Joy have liberty to employ eight of the prisoners in the casting of cannon.

The board of treasury reported that they have examined the account of the committee of Lancaster for preserving the peace of the borough, keeping the prisoners in order, and for the protection of the magazines, and find that there is due for the pay of the guard, as follows,

- 39 days to captains at 26 dollars and two thirds p. month,  
34 dollars and sixty ninetieths:
- 76 days to lieutenants at 18 dollars p. month, 45 dollars and  
fifty-four ninetieths :
- 27 days to ensigns at 13 dollars and one third p. month, 12  
dollars :
- 143 days to serjeants at 8 dollars per month, 38 dollars and  
twelve ninetieths :
- 421 dollars to corporals, fises and drums at 7 dollars and  
one third p. month, 102 dollars and sixty ninetieths :
- 1470 days to privates at 6 dollars and two thirds p. month, 326  
dollars and sixty ninetieths ; the whole amounting to  
559 dollars and sixty-six ninetieths :

*Ordered*, That the same be paid.

The Congress resolved itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the articles of confederation, and after some time, the president resumed the chair, and Mr. Harrison reported that the committee have made some progress in the matter to them referred, but not having come to a conclusion, desire leave to sit again.

*Resolved*, That this Congress will to-morrow again resolve itself into a committee of the whole to take into their farther consideration the articles of confederation.

The marine committee having recommended the following gentlemen for officers of the Rawleigh; namely

Peter Shores,  
John Wheelwright, } lieutenants :  
Josiah Shackford, }

George Jerry Osborne, captain of marines :

Stephen Meads, first lieutenant :

Nathaniel Thwing, second lieutenant ;

*Resolved*, That they be accepted; and that commissions be granted them accordingly.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY; July 23, 1776.

Sundry letters were received and read, viz.

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Two from general Washington of the 21st and 22d, with three papers inclosed in the latter :

One of the 16th from governor Cooke :

Two from brigadier-general Mercer of the 20th and 22d, with two papers inclosed in the latter.

*Resolved*, That the letters from general Washington and brigadier general Mercer, be referred to the board of war.

*Resolved*, That the report of the committee on the cartel entered into, between brigadier general Arnold and captain Forster, and the resolutions passed thereon be published.

*Resolved*, That twenty dollars be advanced to Isaac Manes, a wounded foldier of captain Cheefseman's company, and that he be sent to the general hospital.

The board of war reported, that they have heard and considered the matters alledged against the arrangement made in the regiment ordered to be raised under colonel Du Boys, and are of opinion, that no good purpose would be answered by making any alteration therein ; and although many worthy officers who served in Canada are yet unemployed, the board can only lament that they are not in the service, but hope something will in future turn up to enable Congress to place them in stations equal to their merit:

The same being again read, was agreed to.

On the remainder of the report from the board of war, the Congress came to the following resolutions :

That general Washington be informed that Congress have such an entire confidence in his judgment, that they will give him no particular directions about the disposition of the troops, but desire that he will dispose of those at New-York, the flying camp and Ticonderoga, as to him shall seem most conducive to the public good :

That the Congress approve of general Washington's having lent to the convention of New-York, the sum of money mentioned in his letter of the 19th instant :

That Mons. St. Martin be appointed an engineer with the rank of lieutenant-colonel, and that he be directed to repair to New-York, and put himself under the command of general Washington.

*Resolved*, That Dr. David Griffith be appointed to the stations of chaplain and surgeon in the third Virginia battalion, he being a person of uncommon merit, and there being very few surgeons of abilities, who will enter the army in that state : This appointment not to be drawn into precedent :

That Mr. Griffith draw pay in both these capacities for the time he has served in the regiment.

The committee of claims reported, that there is due,

To Dennis Lefferty, for 26 weeks board, the sum of 52 dollars, and that the same ought to be paid to Timothy Matlack :

To William White, for boarding general Lee's guard, the sum of 40 dollars and sixty-ninetieths:

To George Haas, for carrying money to New-York, the sum of 26 dollars and sixty-ninetieths:

To William Bradford, for the expence of a guard escorting money to New-York, the sum of 88 dollars & fifty-seven-ninetieths:

To Rachel Evans, for boarding a sick soldier, the sum of 3 dollars:

To Robert Owen, jun. for provisions furnished several rifle companies, 64 dollars and eighty-six-ninetieths:

To Peter Grosels, for provisions to several rifle companies, the sum of 61 dollars and forty-six-ninetieths, and that this ought to be paid to Robert Owen, jun.

*Ordered*, That the said accounts be paid.

*Resolved*, That in order to hasten the march of the troops, the several committees of Lancaster, York, Cumberland, Berks and Northampton counties, in Pennsylvania, be impowered to muster the troops that shall march from their respective counties, and to draw for one month's pay on Mr. James Mease, and that they certify the muster-rolls and send to the paymaster the receipts for the monies that shall be so advanced.

*Resolved*, That a member be added to the board of treasury, in the room of one absent:

The member chosen, Mr. G. Clymer.

Agreeable to the order of the day, the Congress resolved itself into a committee of the whole, to take into their farther consideration the articles of confederation; and after some time, the president resumed the chair, and Mr. Harrison reported, that the committee have made farther progress in the matter to them referred, but not having come to a conclusion, desired leave to sit again.

*Resolved*, That this Congress will to-morrow again resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into their farther consideration the articles of confederation.

A petition from a number of inhabitants of Chester county, in Pennsylvania, was presented to Congress and read; praying, that John Griffith, a soldier in the continental army, an experienced artificer in making and dressing fullers shears, may be released from the army, and ordered to return home to follow his trade:

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petition be granted.

A petition from sundry Canadians was presented to Congress and read:

*Resolved*, That it be referred to the Canada committee.

The marine committee having recommended Richard Palmes to be captain of marines:

*Resolved*, That he be accepted, and that a commission be granted to him accordingly.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY



WEDNESDAY, July 24, 1776.

A letter from lieutenant colonel William Allen was laid before Congress and read; requesting leave to resign his commission:

*Resolved*, That leave be granted.

The marine committee having recommended Benjamin Thompson to be a lieutenant of marines in captain Palmes's company:

*Resolved*, That he be accepted, and that a commission be granted to him accordingly.

*Resolved*, That the committee appointed to revise the journals, be empowered to employ a proper person to make an index thereto.

The board of treasury reported, that the pay of brigadier general Wooster, commencing the 22d day of June, 1775, and calculated to the 22d day of July, 1776, being thirteen months, at 125 dollars per month, amounts to 1625 dollars; out of which is to be deducted one hundred and seventy-three dollars and twenty-four seventy-two parts of a dollar, paid him by John Winflow, Esq; the paymaster; the residue due to the general is 1451 dollars and forty-eight seventy-two parts of a dollar:

*Ordered*, That the same be paid.

*Resolved*, That the sum of 100 dollars be advanced to captain Robert Johnson, to be deducted out of his pay on the settlement of his account.

A petition from George Kills was presented to Congress and read:

*Resolved*, That it be referred to the board of war.

The Congress took into consideration the report of the committee appointed to prepare a resolution for confiscating the property of the subjects of Great-Britain; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That all the resolutions of this Congress passed on the twenty-third day of March last, and on the third day of April last, relating to ships and other vessels, their tackle, apparel and furniture, and all goods, wares and merchandizes, belonging to any inhabitant or inhabitants of Great-Britain, taken on the high seas, or between high and low water mark, be extended to all ships and other vessels, their tackle, apparel and furniture, and to all goods, wares and merchandizes, belonging to any subject or subjects of the king of Great-Britain; except the inhabitants of the Bermudas, and Providence or Bahama islands.

The board of war brought in a report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the regiment of rangers, now in the pay of the state of South-Carolina, be placed upon continental establishment, and that it consist of a lieutenant colonel commandant, a major, ten captains, twenty lieutenants, a surgeon, a paymaster, twenty serjeants, and five hundred privates:

That the pay of the lieutenant colonel commandant of rangers, be the same as that of a colonel of foot; the major's pay that of a lieutenant

lieutenant colonel; the captains that of a major; the lieutenants that of a captain; and the serjeants that of an ensign of foot of the continental forces. That the surgeon be allowed 33 dollars and one third a month; the paymaster 26 dollars and two thirds; and the privates 12 dollars and one half per month, to provide themselves with horses, guns and provisions for themselves and horses;

That the said rangers be liable to act on horseback or foot, as occasion may require:

That the like number of rangers be raised in the state of Georgia, and put upon continental establishment:

That these be entitled to the same pay, and subject to the same duties as the Carolina rangers:

That the rangers raised in the state of South-Carolina be subject to the articles formed by the convention of that state, for the government of the forces raised therein.

*Resolved*, That colonel Knox's plan for raising another battalion of artillery be approved and carried into execution as soon as possible:

That general Washington be desired to recommend proper officers to compose this corps.

*Resolved*, That general Washington be impowered to agree to the exchange of governor Skene for Mr. James Lovell:

That general Washington be authorized to take into continental pay the horse proposed by Mr. Lary, upon the terms by him mentioned.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the report of the committee on gold and silver coins be recommitted:

That Mr. Jefferson be added to that committee.

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to take into consideration, and report their opinion, on the proposal made by the president of South-Carolina, and communicated to the house by a delegate of that state, respecting general Lee:

The members chosen, Mr. S. Adams, Mr. Rutledge and Mr. Hall.

The Congress then resolved itself into a committee of the whole, to take into their farther consideration the articles of confederation; and, after some time the president resumed the chair, and Mr. Harrison reported, that the committee have made farther progress in the matter to them referred, but not having finished, desire leave to sit again.

*Resolved*, That this Congress will to-morrow again resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into their farther consideration the articles of confederation.

A letter from general Washington of the 23d, with sundry papers enclosed, among which was a letter from Mr. Fraesh to lord Stirling; also,

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A letter from the council of safety of North-Carolina being received and read :

*Resolved*, That the letter from Mr. Fraesh to lord Stirling be referred to the committee appointed to contract for casting cannon:

That the general's letter, with the other papers inclosed, be referred to the board war.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, July 25, 1776.

*Resolved*, That two months pay be advanced to Monf. Jacque Antoine de Francheffin; he to be accountable.

A memorial of Samuel Holden Parsons, of Lyme in Connecticut, was presented to Congress and read :

*Resolved*, That it be referred to a committee of three :

The members chosen, Mr. Jefferson, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Sherman.

A memorial from sundry officers who served in Canada, and are now unemployed, was laid before Congress and read :

*Resolved* That it be referred to the board of war.

Agreeable to order, the Congress resolved itself into a committee of the whole, to take into their farther consideration the articles of confederation; after some time the president resumed the chair, and Mr. Harrison reported, that the committee have made farther progress in the consideration of the articles of confederation; but not having gone through, desired leave to sit again.

A letter of the 23d from general Washington, inclosing a letter from governor Trumbull to the general; also,

A letter from governor Trumbull of the 19th, with sundry depositions; and,

One of the 16th, from the committee of safety of New-Hampshire, were laid before Congress and read.

*Resolved*, That the letter from general Washington be referred to the board of war.

The committee of claims reported, that there is due,

To Francis Gurney, for expences of himself and others, escorting money to Cambridge in February last, the sum of 162 dollars and eighty-four ninetieths, over and beside the monies advanced to him :

To Henry Wisner, Esq; for the expences of an express paid by him, the sum of twenty dollars :

To Thomas Dewees, for boarding prisoners of state, 437 dollars and sixty-eight ninetieths :

To David Lennox, for expences in going after deserters, the sum of 31 dollars and eighty-six ninetieths; to be paid to David Sproat:

To William Trickett, for stationary, the sum of 43 dollars and seventy-six ninetieths:

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To Philip Nolan, for ferriages of general Lee's guards, 4 dollars and twelve ninetieths :

To Elizabeth Slaving, for boarding and nursing a sick soldier, 4 dollars :

To J. Piling, for chairs for the war office, the sum of 12 dollars:

To John Kerling, for provisions for general Lee's guards, 4 dollars and fifty-four ninetieths :

To Isaac Cooper, for his attendance as a guard over powder, the sum of 11 dollars :

To Furman and Hunt, for necessaries furnished the prisoners at Trenton, the sum of 47 dollars and eighty-seven ninetieths :

To John Bates, for camp-kettles, the sum of ninety-eight dollars and sixty ninetieths :

To Elijah Bennet, post-rider in the service of the United States, from Harford in Connecticut to various places, the sum of 1331 dollars and sixty-six ninetieths, deducting 819 dollars and eighty-six ninetieths, which he has received from the colony of Connecticut, the balance being 511 dollars and seventy ninetieths:

To Michael Philips, employed by brigadier general Wooster in making fundry repairs in the citadel and hospital in Montreal, carting, &c. 397 dollars and seventy-five ninetieths, deducting the sum of 96 dollars and seven ninetieths, which he received from major Nicholson, the balance being 301 dollars and sixty-eight ninetieths:

To James Budden, for the expence of a detachment of the troop of light horse escorting 300,000 dollars to New-York, the sum of 82 dollars :

*Ordered*, That the said accounts be paid.

*Resolved*, That this Congress will to-morrow resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into farther consideration the articles of confederation.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to morrow.

FRIDAY, July 26, 1776.

Congress proceeded to the election of three commissioners to liquidate and settle the accounts in the northern department; and the ballots being taken,

Mr. James Milligan, Mr. John Carter and Mr. Wells were elected.

The committee on the treasury, laid before Congress the account of Messrs. Price and Haywood, with the balance due to them :

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

*Resolved*, That the substance of the conference between general Washington and adjutant general Patterson, which was transmitted to Congress by general Washington, be published.

Congress resolved itself into a committee of the whole, to take into farther consideration the articles of confederation, and after some



some time, the president resumed the chair, and Mr. Morton reported, that the committee have made farther progress, but not having concluded, desire leave to sit again.

*Resolved*, That this Congress will on Monday next resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into farther consideration the articles of confederation.

*Resolved*, That an order for 2000 dollars be drawn on the treasurers in favour of Dr. W. Shippen; he to be accountable.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed:  
Adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday.

MONDAY, July 29, 1776.

Sundry letters were laid before Congress and read, viz.

Three from general Washington of the 22d, 25th and 27th :

One from general Schuyler of the 17th, and one from general Gates of the 16th :

One of the 25th from J. Reed, adjutant-general; and one from brigadier-general Mercer of the 26th :

One of the 20th from governor Trumbull :

One of the 25th from the convention of New-Jersey, and one from the council of Massachusetts-Bay :

One from Monf. Kirmovan, engineer, with a plan and draughts; and one in Latin without signature:

Also two petitions, one from George Nicholson, and one from James Livingston.

*Resolved*, That general Washington be impowered to appoint another aid de camp :

That the letters from general Washington, general Schuyler and general Gates, and the letter from Monf. Kirmovan be referred to the board of war :

That the letter from the convention of New-Jersey be referred to the committee on the ways and means of augmenting the flying camp, and that Mr. Clark be added to the said committee :

That the letter from the adjutant-general be referred to the committee appointed to revise the articles of war :

That the petition of James Nicholson be referred to the commissioners who went to Canada :

That the petition from George Nicholson be referred to the committee on Canada affairs :

That the latin letter be referred to the marine committee.

*Resolved*, That an order for 47 dollars be drawn on the treasurers in favour of Josiah Fissenden, in full for service, expences, and horse-hire.

A letter of the 20th from the council of Virginia was received and read.

The board of war brought in a report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon,

*Resolved*,

*Resolved*, That general Washington be impowered to order the regiment lately raised in Connecticut under the command of colonel Ward, wheresoever he shall think the service requires it :

That Monf. Jean Artur de Virmonet, who appears to be a young gentleman of merit, and has held a lieutenant's commission, in the service of France, be appointed a brevet captain ; and that Monf. Marie Fidel Dorre, be sent as a volunteer, to be employed by general Washington, as he shall think proper :

That Monf. Christopher Pellifer, who has suffered considerably by warmly espousing and taking an active part in the cause of America in Canada, be appointed an engineer in the service of the United States, with the pay of sixty dollars a month, and rank of lieutenant-colonel, and that he be directed to repair to New-York :

That the returns of colonel Elmore's regiment made into the war office by brigadier-general Wooster be transmitted to general Washington with blank commissions for the officers : And that general Washington be directed to order the said regiment to join him, and that he fill up the said commissions with the names of such officers as appear with their respective companies in the said regiment :

That John Brown be commissioned as lieutenant-colonel, and that Robert Cockran, now acting as eldest captain in the said regiment, be commissioned as major of the same in the room of major J. Curtis, deceased.

*Resolved*, That a lieutenant-colonel be appointed for the second Pennsylvania battalion in the room of W. Allen, who has resigned :

The ballots being taken,

Joseph Wood, Esq; was elected.

Congress then resolved itself into a committee of the whole, to take into their consideration the articles of confederation, and after some time the president resumed the chair, and Mr. Morton reported that the committee have made farther progress in the articles of confederation, but not having finished, desire leave to sit again.

A petition from Samuel Morris was presented to Congress and read.

The committee on spies brought in a farther report, which was read :

Ordered to lie on the table.

*Resolved*, That the gaoler be directed to allow the prisoners from North-Carolina the use and benefit of the yard, under the inspection of the guard, provided it may be done with safety.

*Resolved*, That this Congress will to-morrow resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into farther consideration the articles of confederation.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, July 30, 1776.

A letter of the 28th from brigadier-general Mercer was laid before Congress and read, requesting six light-horse may be sent to him; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the president write to S. Morris, Esq; captain of the light-horse, and request him to send six of his company to brigadier-general Mercer.

Congress being informed by a letter from the president of South-Carolina, that the Cherokees have commenced hostilities against that state, and that he has ordered a body of men to march against them, and has applied for assistance to the neighbouring states of North-Carolina and Virginia;

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the states of Virginia, North-Carolina and Georgia, to afford all necessary assistance to the state of South-Carolina, and co-operate with that state in prosecuting the war against the indians with the utmost vigour;

That the president write to the governor and council of Virginia, the council of safety of North-Carolina, and the president of Georgia, relative to the above subjects.

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to take into consideration, the state of North-Carolina, and report thereon to Congress:

The members chosen, Mr. Harrison, Mr. S. Adams, and Mr. Lynch.

Congress took into consideration, the report of the committee appointed to inquire into the causes of the miscarriages in Canada, wherein they represent as their opinion:

“ That the short enlistments of the continental troops in Canada, have been one great cause of the miscarriages there, by rendering unstable the number of men engaged in military enterprises, by making them disorderly and disobedient to their officers, and by precipitating the commanding officers into measures which their prudence might have postponed, could they have relied on a longer continuance of their troops in service:

“ That the want of hard money has been one other great source of the miscarriages in Canada, rendering the supplies of necessaries difficult and precarious, the establishment of proper magazines absolutely impracticable, and the pay of the troops of little use to them:

“ That a still greater and more fatal source of misfortunes has been the prevalence of the small-pox in that army; a great proportion whereof has thereby been usually kept unfit for duty.”

With this the Congress concurred.

On the farther consideration of the report, Congress came to the following resolutions:

That colonel Beadle be tried by a court martial for leaving his command at the Cedars, and for declining to return to the same with major Sherburne's reinforcement:

That major Butterfield be tried by a court martial for surrendering to the enemy the post at the Cedars, and also such other officers as were with him, and consented to that surrender.

The said committee having farther reported, that, in the course of their enquiries, they had reason to believe, that general Prescott's baggage was plundered by some licentious persons, in violation of the faith of the capitulation; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That general Schuyler be desired to make strict enquiry into the same, that the persons guilty thereof may receive due punishment, and ample indemnification be made to general Prescott:

That colonel Beadle, Doctor Fay and lieutenant House, be subjected to this enquiry.

*Resolved*, That so much of the petitions of colonel Easton and major Brown, as prays, that the charges against them of having been concerned in plundering the officers baggage taken at Sorrel, be submitted to a court of enquiry, is reasonable, and that general Schuyler be desired to order courts of enquiry on them as soon as possible.

*Resolved*, That general Montgomery's promise to give to the troops concerned in taking the vessels on the Sorrel, "all the public stores, except ammunition and provisions, on board thereof," be confirmed; and that general Schuyler be directed to cause an enquiry to be made into the particulars and value of the said public stores, (ammunition and provision excepted) and to certify the same to Congress, with the names of the officers and soldiers entitled thereto:

That so much of major Brown's petition as prays, that an allowance be made to him for extraordinary services, be referred to general Schuyler, who is desired to certify to Congress, whether any and what reward may with justice be demanded by him:

That major Brown's accounts be settled by the commissioners appointed to adjust accounts in the northern department.

*Resolved*, That the committee be discharged from proceeding on so much of the petition of colonel Easton, as prays a continuance of his rank and pay, and so much of major Brown's petition, as prays an examination into his rank and pay, and that they be referred to the board of war:

That general Schuyler be desired to enquire into the conduct of colonel Hazen, who is charged with having beaten and ill treated Francois Cuillot de la Rose, a continental captain of Canadian militia, and also to have ill treated Charles Robert de la Fontaine, a Canadian, at Chamblé, and put such conduct into a proper channel for trial and punishment:

That



That it be recommended to general Schuyler, whenever the pay of officers or soldiers is stopped, on account of any charge against them, to have such charge determined by trial as speedily as possible, that there may be no delay of justice.

*Resolved*, That general Wooster acted properly in stopping the goods of Bernard and Wadden, who were carrying the same, without permission, to the indians in the upper country.

*Resolved*, That the committee have leave to sit again, and that they be instructed to enquire in what manner the goods of Bernard and Wadden were disposed of.

*Resolved*, That the secret committee be directed to supply the three rifle companies, now in town from Lancaster, with 11 lb. of powder and 44 lb. of lead.

*Resolved*, That 500,000 dollars be sent to the paymaster general: That 60,000 dollars be sent to R. Dallam, deputy paymaster general, for the use of the flying camp.

Congress proceeded to the election of a clerk or assistant to the auditor general; when,

William Govet was elected.

*Resolved*, That William Govet be allowed the salary of 533 dollars and one-third per annum.

*Resolved*, That all public claims and accounts, that are at this time unsettled, be referred to the committee of treasury, and that the committee of claims be discharged from proceeding further upon any claims or accounts; and that all the books and papers, in the hands of the committee of claims, be delivered to the auditor general.

The board of war brought in a report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the resolution of the 17th of January last, allowing to officers 1 dollar and one-third for every man they enlist, be extended to officers who enlist for the new army for three years:

That general Mercer's letter, relative to the building of boats, be referred to general Washington, with direction to give such orders therein as he shall judge necessary; and that he be desired to avail himself of the shipwrights, and other artificers now in the flying camp:

That general Mercer be allowed a secretary, while he has a separate command:

That a number of 4 and 6 pounders, not exceeding ten of each, be immediately sent to general Mercer, to be mounted on the works he is now erecting; and that the council of safety of Pennsylvania be requested to forward them to Amboy in New-Jersey:

That Congress approve of general Schuyler's intention to publish such parts of the treaty with the six nations, as may have a tendency to dispel the apprehensions of the frontier inhabitants:

That the commissioners for indian affairs, in the middle department,

ment, be instructed to thank Cayashuta, in the name of the great council fire, for his friendly conduct at Niagara, communicated by Peter Richman, (whose indian name is Queda) and to inform him, that it would be very agreeable to Congress to receive a visit from him.

A letter of the 29th from general Washington, and one from the council of Massachusetts Bay; also a letter of the 23d from governor Cooke, with sundry papers inclosed, being received, were read :

*Resolved*, That the two first be referred to the board of war.

The board of war laid before Congress a letter received from general Washington :

*Ordered*, That they return an answer.

Congress resolved itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the articles of confederation, and after some time, the president resumed the chair, and Mr. Morton reported, that the committee not having yet finished, desired leave to sit again.

*Resolved*, That this Congress will to-morrow resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the articles of confederation.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, July 31, 1776.

*Resolved*, That 20,000 dollars be advanced to Mr. Mease; he to be accountable :

That Mr. J. Mease be directed to pay John Pollock two thousand six hundred and sixty six dollars and two thirds of a dollar, and that the same be charged to the account of the committee of inspection of Cumberland, who are to be accountable.

*Resolved*, That the medical committee be directed to provide, and send forward such a quantity of medicines, as may be necessary for the hospital in the northern army :

That the said committee be directed to procure and forward such a quantity of medicines as may be necessary for the hospital in the southern department.

The board of war brought in a report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That five tons of musket powder be sent immediately to general Washington at New-York :

That the commissary general be directed to furnish with rations and the deputy pay master general, in the state of Massachusetts Bay, be ordered to pay any militia, which the general assembly of that state shall think proper to call in, to replace the continental troops ordered from thence.

The committee appointed to enquire into the causes of the miscarriages

carriages in Canada, brought in a farther report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the conduct of colonel Nicholson, who commanded the post at Point Levi, and who, after the determination of the council of war to retire from Quebec, is said to have deserted his said command, and left the party to shift for themselves, be submitted to a court of enquiry:

That the committee be discharged from so much of col. Easton's petition, as prays a settlement of his accounts, and that the same be referred to the board of treasury.

The committee appointed to take into consideration the state of North Carolina, brought in their report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That four tons of gunpowder and six four pounders, or such others as can be procured, of the weight proper for field pieces, be immediately sent to North-Carolina:

That the delegates of that state employ some proper person, as a commissary, to purchase in this city, or the neighbourhood thereof, cloathing for the troops raised in that state for the continental service:

That the three independant companies of rangers, in that state, be taken upon the continental pay and establishment, and that their pay and appointment be as already resolved by the convention of that state, and that they rank as the rangers raised in South-Carolina and Georgia.

*Resolved*, That an order for 266 dollars and two-thirds be drawn on the treasurers, in favour of colonel James Easton; to be accounted for by him on the final settlement of his accounts:

That two months pay be advanced to Mons<sup>r</sup>. St. Martin; he to be accountable.

Congress resolved itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the articles of confederation, and after some time, the president resumed the chair, and Mr. Morton reported, that the committee not having come to a conclusion, desired leave to sit again.

*Resolved*, That this Congress will to-morrow resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the articles of confederation.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, *August 1*, 1776.

A letter of the 30th of July from brigadier general Mercer, and one of the same date from brigadier general Roberdeau, and sundry others, were laid before Congress and read:

*Resolved*, That the two first be referred to the board of war.

Congress resolved itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the articles of confederation, and after some time,

time, the president resumed the chair, and Mr. Morton reported, that the committee have made farther progress, but not having come to a conclusion, desired leave to sit again.

*Resolved*, That this Congress will to-morrow resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the articles of confederation.

A letter of the 30th of July from general Washington, with sundry papers inclosed; also one from general Schuyler of the 20th, and one from colonel Dubois of the 17th, were laid before Congress and read:

*Resolved*, That they be referred to the board of war.

The board of war reported the draught of a letter to general Washington, in answer to his directed to them; and the same being agreed to:

*Ordered*, That it be transcribed, signed by the president, and forwarded.

The said board brought in a report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That colonel John Brown be allowed the rank and pay of lieutenant colonel in the continental army, from the 20th day of November last to this time:

That James Easton is intitled to the rank of a colonel in the continental army, from the first day of July, 1775, and to the pay of a colonel from that day, until he shall be discharged, which ought to be done as soon as a court of enquiry shall report in his favour, or a court martial shall determine upon his conduct, and their sentence is carried into execution; there being no vacancy, to which he can be appointed. But should he be honourably acquitted, his past services will recommend him to the confidence of Congress for future employment.

*Resolved*, That an order for 2666 dollars and two-thirds be drawn on the treasurers, in favour of Ludwick Karcher, for victualling the militia passing through Philadelphia to the flying camp; he to be accountable.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, August 2, 1776.

*Resolved*, That two months pay be advanced to Mons. Pellifier; he to be accountable.

*Resolved*, That the secret committee and marine committee be discharged from fitting out vessels with cargoes to Bermudas.

The board of war brought in a report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That 200,000 dollars be sent to Jon. Trumbull, Esq; deputy paymaster general in the northern department:

That general Washington be instructed to employ, in the service of the states, as many of the Stockbridge indians as he shall judge proper:  
That



That one hundred old arms, belonging to Congress, be delivered to the council of safety of Pennsylvania, to be repaired at the continental expence, and put into the hands of the soldiers destined for the flying camp; the said council to be accountable:

That the paymaster general, and the several deputy paymasters general, be directed to make weekly returns to Congress of the state of the military chests under their direction:

That Jonathan Trumbull, Esq; deputy pay master general in the northern army, be directed to transmit to Congress, as soon as possible, an account of all the monies which have passed through his hands, since his appointment to that office:

That the commissary general, and deputy commissaries in the several departments, be directed to transmit to Congress weekly, an account of the sums of money they may respectively receive from the paymasters:

That the quarter master general, and deputy quarter masters general in the several departments, be directed to transmit weekly to Congress, an account of the monies they respectively receive from the paymaster general or deputy paymaster general:

That the commissary general, quarter master general, deputy commissaries and deputy quarter masters general, be directed to make monthly returns, at least, of the stores under their direction, and the distribution of them:

That the commanding officer in each department be directed to make returns, once a month to Congress, of the draughts made by him upon the paymaster, in his department.

*Resolved*, That Mr. Walton be appointed a member of the marine committee, in the room of Mr. Gwinnet who is absent.

*Resolved*, That 100 dollars be advanced to Thaddeus Sturges, to be accounted for by him, and deducted out of his pay on the settlement of his accounts; that the board of treasury be discharged from proceeding on his accounts, and that they be referred for settlement to the commissioners appointed to settle the accounts in the northern department.

The marine committee, to whom it was referred to inquire into the conduct of commodore Hopkins, brought in their report, which was read:

Ordered to lie on the table, to be taken into consideration on Monday next.

Congress resolved itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the articles of confederation, and after some time, the president resumed the chair, and Mr. Morton reported, that the committee not having finished, desired leave to sit again.

*Resolved*, That this Congress will to-morrow resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the articles of confederation.

The committee of treasury reported, that there is due,

To

To Benjamin Thompson, for 131 days service, viz. from the first of December to the last of May inclusive, as clerk of the hospital at Montreal, at the rate of two-thirds of a dollar per day, 122 dollars :

*Ordered*, That the same be paid.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow.

SATURDAY, *August 3, 1776.*

The committee of treasury reported, that there is due,

To Thomas Whitbeck, for carrying money from Philadelphia to Ticonderoga, in October last, the sum of 75 dollars and one-fourth :

To Samuel Johnson, for 209 meals of victuals, 20 dollars and eighty-one-ninetieths :

To George Hoffnagle, 1 dollar and forty-five-ninetieths :

To Michael Staddleman, for 708 meals of victuals, 70 dollars and seventy-two-ninetieths ;

To Richard Chiney, for 540 meals furnished the militia on their march to New-Jersey, 54 dollars :

*Ordered*, That the said accounts be paid.

The committee on the miscarriages in Canada, brought in a farther report, which was read :

*Ordered* to lie on the table, to be taken into consideration on Monday next.

A letter from Neil M'CLean was laid before Congress and read :

*Resolved*, That it be referred to the board of war.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed :

Adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday.

MONDAY, *August 5, 1776.*

Two letters from general Washington, of the 31st of July and 2d of August; one from the council of Virginia, of the 27th of July, with copies of sundry letters from North Carolina and South Carolina, inclosed; one from E. Anderson, of the 31st of July; and sundry resolutions passed by the convention of Pennsylvania, were laid before Congress and read :

*Resolved*, That they be referred to the board of war.

The board of war brought in a report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the commanders of all ships of war and armed vessels in the service of these states, or any of them, and all letters of marque and privateers, be permitted to enlist into service on board the said ships and vessels, any seamen who may be taken on board any of the ships or vessels of our enemies, and that no such seamen be intitled to receive the wages due to them out of the said prizes, but such as will so enlist, and that all other seamen so taken be held as prisoners of war, and exchanged for others taken by the

the enemy, whether on board of vessels of war or merchantmen, as there may be opportunity :

That lieutenant colonel Rufus Putnam be appointed an engineer with the rank of colonel and pay of sixty dollars a month.

A petition from Esck Hopkins, commander in chief of the continental fleet, was presented to Congress and read; setting forth, that " he has been informed that certain complaints, interrogatories and report, charging him with sundry crimes and misdemeanors, had been exhibited to the Honourable Congress; the purport of which complaints, &c. he is ignorant of; and praying that he may be furnished with copies thereof, and of all other proceedings against him, which are now before this honourable body; and that time may be allowed him to prepare for, and a day assigned for his being heard before Congress in his own defence."

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petition be granted, and that Friday next be appointed for hearing commodore Hopkins.

*Resolved*, That the marine committee be directed to order the ships and armed vessels, belonging to the continent, out on such cruises as they shall think proper.

*Resolved*, That Monday next be assigned for hearing and determining the appeal against the verdict and sentence passed on the schooner Thistle.

*Resolved*, That the secret committee be directed to deliver to the Delaware battalion, as many of the arms lately imported as will be necessary to arm them compleatly:

That they deliver to the council of safety of Delaware government, 193 of the said arms, in lieu of so many had from them :

That the remainder of the said arms be delivered to the council of safety of Pennsylvania, who are to be accountable.

*Resolved*, That the Delaware battalion, when armed, be ordered to New-Jersey, subject to the farther orders and directions of the general.

The committee of treasury reported, that there is due,

To J. Symes, a prisoner of the royal highland emigrants, 28 dollars, for 14 weeks allowance, from the 24th of April to the 30th of July:

*Ordered*, That the said account be paid.

*Ordered*, That the board of war furnish the committee of treasury with the names of the British officers and other prisoners, who are entitled to the allowance made by Congress of two dollars a week, with the times of their captivity, and the places where they are quartered.

*Resolved*, That the pay of an assistant clerk to the board of war be 266 dollars and two-thirds a year.

*Resolved*, That an order for 1000 dollars be drawn on the treasurers, in favour of Francis Lewis, Esq; and that the same be

charged to the account of the paymaster general; it being for so much received by him, by the order of Mr. Lewis.

Congress took into consideration the report on Messrs. Price and Haywood's accounts, and after some debate,

*Resolved*, That the said accounts be recommitted and that the commissioners to Canada be desired to attend the board of treasury at the examination of the said accounts.

*Resolved*, That an order for 53 dollars and one third be drawn on the treasurers in favour of Monfr. Artur Vermonit, it being two months advance, for which he is to be accountable.

A petition from Lewis de Linkensdorff was presented to Congress and read :

*Resolved*, That it be referred to the board of war.

Congress took into consideration the report of the committee on the causes of the miscarriages in Canada, and after debate,

*Resolved*, That it be re-committed.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

#### TUESDAY, August 6, 1776.

A letter of the 5th from general Washington, enclosing copies of letters between him and general Howe respecting the exchange of prisoners, and sundry other letters and papers :

Also one from brigadier-general Mercer of the 4th, were laid before Congress and read :

*Resolved*, That they be referred to the board of war.

*Resolved*, That the medical committee be directed to supply the director-general of the hospital with such medicines as he may want.

*Resolved*, That the secret committee be directed to deliver to the delegates of North-Carolina half a ton of powder for the use of the frontier inhabitants of that state.

*Resolved*, That general Schuyler be directed to apply to general Burgoyne, and propose a general exchange of prisoners on the terms agreed to by Congress, and particularly the delivering brigadier-general Prescott in possession of the United States, in lieu of brigadier-general Thompson, in the possession of the enemy.

A letter from the convention of New-Jersey to their delegates, was laid before Congress and read ; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the convention of the state of New-Jersey be requested to make such provision for keeping open the communication between that state and New-York, by way of the ferries over the rivers Passaick and Hackinsack, as to them shall appear to be most effectual, and that Congress will reimburse the expences of such service to the state of New-Jersey :

That it be recommended in the most earnest manner to the convention of New-Jersey, to order their militia immediately to march and join brigadier-general Mercer.

*Resolved*,



*Resolved*, That the commissioners for indian affairs in the middle department be directed to inquire, and inform Congress, whether it will be most for the public good, that the troops raised and to be raised for the garrisons on the Ohio and its waters, should be supplied with provisions by contract or by a commissary : That if a commissary be thought necessary, they recommend some proper person for that office to Congress, in the mean time take such measures as they think best for victualling the said troops.

*Resolved*, That a member be added to the committee appointed to inquire into, and remedy the defects of the powder made at the mills :

The member chosen, Mr. Rush.

Mr. G. Clymer, one of the joint treasurers being appointed a delegate to Congress, by the convention of Pennsylvania:

*Resolved*, That for the future there be only one continental treasurer.

*Resolved*, That an additional sum of three hundred dollars be given to each of the continental treasurers, on account of their extraordinary trouble, and faithful service, during the last year.

Congress resolved itself, into the committee of the whole to take into consideration, the articles of confederation, and after some time, the president resumed the chair, and Mr. Morton reported that the committee not having come to a conclusion, desired leave to sit again.

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the council of safety of Pennsylvania to stop Mr. Wilmore from proceeding to New-York.

*Resolved*, That this Congress will to-morrow resolve itself into a committee of the whole to take into consideration, the articles of confederation.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

### WEDNESDAY, August 7, 1776.

*Resolved*, That an order for 5000 dollars be drawn on the treasurers in favour of the committee of Lancaster, for the purpose of carrying into execution, the resolution of Congress, respecting the prisoners, the said committee to be accountable :

That an order for 30,000 dollars be drawn on the treasurer in favour of James Mease for the use of the militia marching to New-Jersey, he to be accountable.

*Resolved*, That James Brisben, who is employed in the post-office, be excused from military duty.

A letter from captain N. Biddle to the marine committee was laid before Congress, and read ; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That general Washington be directed to propose an exchange of lieutenant Josiah, for a lieutenant of the navy of Great-Britain, and that the general remonstrate to lord Howe on the

the cruel treatment lieutenant Josiah has met with, of which the Congress have received undoubted information.

*Resolved*, That Dr. Rush be added to the medical committee.

A memorial from George Measam was presented to Congress and read:

*Resolved*, That it be referred to the board of war.

The committee appointed to revise the articles of war brought in their report.

The board of war reported that there is due,

To Messrs. Giaslon, Hertel and de la Magdelaine, Canadian prisoners at Bristol for their board and lodging, from the 15th of November to the 31st July last, being thirty seven weeks, each at 2 dollars a week, 222 dollars, and that the same ought to be paid, to John Green their assignee:

*Ordered*, That the same be paid.

Congress resolved itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration, the articles of confederation, and after some time, the president resumed the chair, and Mr. Morton reported, that the committee not having yet finished, desired leave to sit again.

*Resolved*, That this Congress will to-morrow resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the articles of confederation.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY. *August 8, 1776.*

*Resolved*, That the sum of 700 dollars be paid to Jonathan Meredith, in full of Ephraim Blaine's draught in his favour, for shoes purchased from him for the use of the continental army; and that the same be charged to the account of the said Ephraim Blaine.

*Resolved*, That the sum of 60,000 dollars be advanced to the delegates of New-Hampshire, for the use of that state, which is to be accountable.

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the council of safety of Pennsylvania, to take proper measures for providing quarters, for the troops passing through Philadelphia to the flying camp, during their continuance in this city.

*Resolved*, That the colonel or commanding officer of the Delaware battalion, and the colonels or commanding officers of the several battalions of militia now in Philadelphia, be ordered instantly to march to Amboy in New-Jersey; and that such of the militia, as want arms be left under a proper officer, till they can be provided therewith, and then marched without any farther delay:

That the board of war be directed to see this resolution carried into immediate execution.

*Resolved*, That the board of war be directed to take into immediate consideration, the state of the army in the northern department, and our naval force on the lakes; and that Mr. Chase be directed to attend

attend the said board, and give them all the information in his power; and that Mr. Williams be desired to furnish the said board with an extract of the letter he has received from governor Trumbull, relative to the said army and naval force; and that the said board report thereon as soon as possible.

Two letters from general Washington, with sundry papers inclosed; one from general Schuyler, dated at the German Flats, August the 1st; one of the 29th of July from general Gates, with copies of two letters inclosed, were received and read.

*Resolved*, That a letter be written to general Lee, to inform him of the intelligence received, that the troops from Charlestown are arrived at New-York; and to direct him, in case the British troops have left the southern colonies, to repair with all possible expedition to Philadelphia, and there wait the orders of Congress.

*Resolved*, That to-morrow be assigned for electing four major generals and six brigadier generals.

*Resolved*, That the post-riders be exempted from military duty.

*Resolved*, That the secret committee be directed to supply col. Galbreath with 9 lb. of powder, and 27 lb. of lead, for the use of three companies of his battalion.

The committee of treasury reported, that there is due,

To George Kennedy, for three rifles purchased in Frederick county, Virginia, for the use of captain Morgan's company of riflemen, and to be charged to the said company, the sum of 40 dollars:

To William Web, for services in and articles purchased for the use of the treasury office, 137 dollars and fifty-four-ninetieths; to be charged to the account of contingent expenses:

To captain Thomas Haslet, for subsistence of 13 men of his company, on their march from Chester county to New-Jersey, 9 dollars and eighty-two-ninetieths:

To captain Benjamin Wallace, for subsistence of his company, on their march from Chester county to New-Jersey, 32 dollars and twenty-ninetieths:

To captain Matthew Boyd, for subsistence of 53 men of his company, in col. Moore's battalion, on their march from Chester county to New-Jersey, 27 dollars and forty-two-ninetieths:

To Tobias Rudolph, for the hire of two horses and a chair, by captain Alexander Graydon, to conduct money to Ticonderoga, and for one of the said horses which was lost at Albany, 125 dollars and fifty-four-ninetieths:

To Mr. Smith, at the city tavern, for the expence of a guard at his house, over prisoners of war brought from Burlington, 16 dollars and twenty-seven-ninetieths:

To John Tomkins, for the subsistence of captains Crowle's, Heister's and Ludwigg's companies of militia, on their march to New-Jersey, 21 dollars and thirty-six-ninetieths:

To

To captain James McCandlefs, for fubfiftance and ferriages of his company of the 4th battalion of York county militia, on their march to New-Jerfey, 41 dollars and feventy-eight-ninetieths:

*Ordered*, That the faid accounts be paid.

*Resolved*, That an order for 2000 dollars be drawn on the treafurer, in favour of the delegates of Georgia, for the ufe of the continental forces in that ftate; the faid delegates to be accountable.

Congrefs refolved itfelf into a committee of the whole, to take into confideration the articles of confederation, and after fome time, the prefident refumed the chair, and Mr. Morton reported, that the committee have made farther progrefs in the matter referred to them, but not having come to a conclufion, defired leave to fit again.

*Resolved*, That this Congrefs will to-morrow refolve itfelf into a committee of the whole, to take into confideration the articles of confederation.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, *Auguft 9, 1776.*

Congrefs having proceeded to the election of a regimental pay-mafter for the Delaware battalion,

John Yates, Efq; was elected.

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to devife a plan for encouraging the Heffians and other foreigners employed by the king of Great-Britain, and fent to America for the purpofe of fubjugating thefe ftates, to quit that iniquitous fervice:

The members chofen, Mr. Wilfon, Mr. Jefferson & Mr. Stockton.

The board of war brought in a report, which was read:

Ordered to lie on the table.

*Resolved*, That the fecret committee be directed to deliver to the order of the board of war, fuch articles in their poffeffion, belonging to the continent, as, in the opinion of the faid board of war, are neceffary for the Delaware battalion:

That the faid committee be directed to fend to general Washington 30,000 flints.

A petition from William Bell and company was prefented to Congrefs and read:

*Resolved*, That it be referred to the committee on governor Trumbull's letter.

*Resolved*, That Mr. Meafe be directed to fupply the captains, now in Philadelphia, belonging to colonel Hand's battalion, with fuch fums of money as will be fufficient to pay the bounty voted to non-comiffioned officers and foldiers, who inlift for three years.

The delegates of Pennfylvania and Maryland, to whom the petition of Lewis de Linkensdorf was referred, brought in their report, which was taken into confideration; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That Lewis de Linkensdorf be appointed adjutant to the German battalion, ordered to be raifed for the continental fervice.

Agreeable



Agreeable to the order of the day, Congress proceeded to the election of four major-generals and six brigadier-generals, when the following gentlemen were chosen: viz.

William Heath, Joseph Spencer, John Sullivan, and Nathaniel Green, Esqrs; major-generals;

James Read, John Nixon, Arthur St. Clair, Alexander M'Dougal, Samuel Holden Parsons, and James Clinton, Esqrs; brigadier-generals.

*Resolved*, That the hearing commodore Hopkins be postponed to Monday next at 11 o'clock, and that captain Jones be directed to attend at the same time.

*Resolved*, That 10,000 dollars be advanced to colonel John Hallet for the use of his battalion, he to be accountable.

*Resolved*, That William Brown, master carpenter; who is come from the camp on furlow, be ordered not to return, his service being necessary at the yard.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

SATURDAY, August 10, 1776.

*Resolved*, That Isaac Cooper, shipjoiner; be ordered not to go to New-Jersey, his service being wanted:

That William Whiting a wounded soldier be sent to the hospital of Pennsylvania, and supported at the expence of the United States, and in case he dies, that the expences of his funeral, be paid by the United States.

The committee of treasury reported that there is due,

To Jeremiah Dougan in part payment of his account against the continent, 319 dollars, and sixty ninetieths, with which he is to be charged:

To Daniel Smith for the weekly allowance of the following prisoners of war, viz. James Hughes, town-major of Montreal, and captain Duncan Campbell from the 19th January to the 18th July last, 24 weeks, and 6 days, at 2 dollars a week, 99 dollars, and thirty-eight ninetieths:

Major Dunbar, Major Stopford, lieutenant Harrison, lieutenant Shuttleworth, lieutenant M'Donald, and captain Algeo, from the 26th April to 12th July last, 11 weeks each, at 2 dollars a week, 132 dollars:

To colonel Jacob Stroud for expences of waggon hire, in conducting Canadian prisoners, and part of the 26th regiment from Walpeck in New-Jersey, to Reading and Bristol in Pennsylvania, 219 dollars, and fifty-four ninetieths, out of which 84 dollars, twelve ninetieths, is a charge against the British troops and 135 dollars and forty-two ninetieths, for the expence of the Canadians:

To John Bates for 140 camp kettles delivered to colonel Matlack 186 dollars, and sixty ninetieths:

To

To Thomas Nevill for the materials and making travelling carriages, for the cannon sent to North-Carolina, 257 dollars, and twenty-five ninetieths :

To William McGill for expences of the first Pennsylvania battalion on their march to Canada, which is to be charged to J. Shal-lus, quarter-master of the said battalion, 14 dollars, forty-five ninetieths :

To Joseph Haight for the allowance to captain Francis Stuart and John Leslie of the 26th regiment, from the 26th April to 11th July, and to Dr. Huddleston, of the 7th regiment, from the 26th April to the 1st July, as prisoners of war, 63 dollars :

To captain Joseph Spur of colonel Moore's battalion for the subsistence of his company of 28 men, on their march from Chester county to New-Jersey, the sum of 25 dollars, and eighteen ninetieths :

To lieutenant colonel Joseph Park for the subsistence of 6 men of colonel Moore's battalion, on their march from Chester county to New-Jersey, 16 dollars :

To Michael Gratz for indian goods provided by him in May and June last, and delivered to the commissioners for indian affairs, in the northern department, 653 dollars, and eighty-seven ninetieths :

*Ordered*, That the said accounts be paid.

The committee farther reported that they have had under consideration, the accounts of Messrs. Price and Haywood, which were re-committed to them, and having re-examined the same, find a ballance due to them amounting to 59,962 dollars and fifty-three ninetieths, which they are of opinion ought to be paid in silver and gold:

*Ordered*, That the said sums be paid accordingly.

*Resolved*, That the board of treasury be directed to devise ways and means for paying Messrs. Price and Haywood, and report to Congress.

*Resolved*, That an order for 3000 dollars be drawn on the treasurers in favour of the delegates of Delaware government, for the purpose of paying one month's advance to the battalion of militia marching from that government to the flying camp.

The board of war brought in a report which was taken into consideration ; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That commissions be made out, and sent to general Washington, to be delivered to the several officers recommended in the list exhibited by the said board, to fill the vacancies mentioned in the said list, excepting those persons recommended to fill the vacancies occasioned by officers being in captivity, which ought not to be filled, but to be left open, until those officers shall be redeemed, and excepting the case of lieutenant-colonel Tyler, who is to have a commission for colonel of the regiment lately

lately commanded by colonel Parsons, promoted; and that lieutenant-colonel Durkee have a commission of colonel of the 20th regiment, and that major Prentice be made lieutenant-colonel of the regiment, in which he is now major; and major Knolton lieutenant-colonel of the 20th regiment.

The marine committee brought in a report which was read:

Ordered, to lie on the table.

The committee, on the causes of the miscarriages in Canada, brought in a farther report which was read:

*Ordered*, To lie on the table to be taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

*Resolved*, That John Hughes be supplied with necessary cloaths by the managers of the Pennsylvania hospital, at the expence of the United States.

*Resolved*, That William Tudor, judge advocate general, have the rank of lieutenant-colonel in the army of the United States; and that he be ordered immediately to repair to the discharge of his duty at New-York.

*Resolved*, That the secret committee be directed to deliver to colonel J. Wilfon for the use of three companies of his battalion now in Philadelphia, 11 lb. of powder, and 44 lb. of lead:

That the said committee be directed to deliver to the order of the marine committee, such quantity of arms and ammunition, as may be necessary for the use of the continental frigates.

The committee on Canadian petitioners reported,

That the reverend Mr. Louis Lotbiniere was on the 26th January last appointed by general Arnold chaplain to the regiment under the command of colonel James Livingston, and acted in that capacity, until the retreat of the army from Canada, and was promised by general Arnold the pay of £ 14 : 10 : per month, including rations; and that there is now a ballance of 124 dollars, eighty-four ninetieths due, and that the same ought to be paid to him, and he continued a chaplain in the pay of the United States:

That Jean Fiscul ought to receive nine months pay as a private, and a present of 20 dollars for particular service, the whole amounting to 80 dollars, and that he be permitted to enlist in the artillery at New-York:

That Pierre du Calvert ought to receive 106 dollars, and two thirds, for eight months pay as an ensign, and a commission, as a brevet lieutenant:

That Alexander du Clos ought to receive 33 dollars, and one third, for five months pay as a private, and be discharged with permission to enlist again in the service at his election:

That Jean Baptiste du Vidal ought to receive 56 dollars for seven months pay as a serjeant, and be discharged or continued in the service at his election;

That Louis Ruffe ought to receive 32 dollars for his services as a nurse and attendant on the sick, and a present of 40 dollars on account of his humanity to them:

That Juet a Voir ought to receive a present of 10 dollars, and be discharged or continued in service at his election:

That La Juneffe ought to receive a present of 40 dollars, and be discharged:

That John Hamptreneck ought to receive 186 dollars and two-thirds, as deputy commissary from the 15th of September to the 5th of February, and 164 dollars for his pay as a captain from the 5th of February to this day, being 6 months and 5 days; the whole amounting to 350 dollars and sixty-ninetieths:

That John Diamond and Walker Moody ought to receive a present of 40 dollars each:

That Andrew Pepin ought to receive 33 dollars and thirty-ninetieths, for five months pay as a private, for his services as a volunteer, and be continued in pay as a lieutenant:

That all persons who have acted as volunteers in Canada, and retreated with the army, be referred to general Schuyler; and that he be directed to inquire into their service and characters, and to order them such rewards and wages as shall appear to have been merited:

That 300 dollars be advanced to colonel James Livingston, and his general account against Congress referred to the inspection and determination of general Schuyler.

*Resolved*, That the said report be agreed to.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday.

MONDAY, *August* 12, 1776.

A letter from general Washington of the 8th, with sundry papers inclosed, and one from general Mercer, with one inclosed to him from colonel Dickinson, were read:

*Resolved*, That the letter from general Washington, with the papers inclosed, be referred to the board of war:

That the letter from brigadier general Mercer, with the inclosed letter from colonel Dickinson, be communicated to the convention of Pennsylvania.

Sundry resolutions passed by the convention of New-York were laid before Congress and read.

A letter from a gentleman at cape Francois in Hispaniola, dated July the 23d, was also read:

*Resolved*, That it be referred to the secret committee.

That the delegates of North-Carolina be empowered to send by water, at the risk of the continent, the military stores necessary for that state.

On



On application of one of the parties,

*Resolved*, That the hearing the appeal against the sentence passed on the schooner Thistle, be postponed to Monday the 26th instant.

The council of safety of Pennsylvania having recommended Philip Schrauder, as a second lieutenant of the fifth company of Germans to be raised in that state:

*Resolved*, That he be accepted, and that a commission be granted to him accordingly,

A letter of the 3d, from the council of Virginia, and one of the same date from brigadier general Lewis, were read.

Agreeable to the order of the day, commodore Hopkins attended and was admitted; when the examination taken before the marine committee, and the report of the said committee in consequence thereof, were read to him; and the commodore being heard in his own defence, and having delivered in some farther answers to the questions asked him by the marine committee, and two witnesses being at his request introduced and examined, he withdrew.

Congress then took into consideration the instructions given to commodore Hopkins, his examination and answers to the marine committee, and the report of the marine committee thereupon; also, the farther defence by him made and the testimony of the witnesses; and after some debate, the farther consideration thereof was postponed.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow,

TUESDAY, August 13, 1776.

*Resolved*, That the 8th Virginia battalion be taken into pay from the 27th day of May last, and the seventh from the 17th day of June last.

The marine committee having recommended William Barnes for first lieutenant on board one of the frigates built at Philadelphia: Thomas Vaughan, second mate of the ship Alfred, to be third lieutenant of the Washington frigate, commanded by Thomas Reed, Esq; and Elisha Hinman to the command of the Cabot:

*Resolved*, That they be accepted, and that commissions be granted to them accordingly; and that captain Saltonstall be ordered to discharge Mr. Vaughan, that he may repair to the command to which he is now appointed.

Colonel Mercer of the 3d Virginia Battalion being promoted to the rank of brigadier general, and William Christian, who was appointed colonel of the first battalion, having declined to accept his commission, and col. William Peachy of the fifth battalion having resigned, Congress proceeded to the election of officers to fill the vacancies occasioned thereby, and the ballots being taken, Charles Scott, George Weeden and Isaac Rcade, Esquires, were elected colonels:

Alexander

Alexander Spotswood, Thomas Marshall and Robert Lawfon, Esquires, lieutenant colonels; and James Junis and John Green, Esquires, majors.

The committee of treasury reported, that there is due,

To Conrad Alster, for 214 meals supplied the militia on their march to New-Jersey, the sum of 21 dollars & thirty-six-ninetieths:

To James Davis, for 70 meals supplied captain Clarke's company of militia, on their march to New-Jersey, 7 dollars and nine ninetieths:

To major Blackden, for the hire of a sleigh and two horses from Albany to Quebec, cash expended going express from general Arnold to Sorrell, and for a horse, bridle and saddle, lost at Dechambeau, in the service of the colonies, 153 dollars:

*Ordered*, That the above accounts be paid.

The board of treasury, to whom it was referred to devise ways and means for paying Messrs. Price and Heywood, brought in their report; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That an order be sent to general Schuyler and general Gates, to pay all the specie that they may have in their hands, belonging to the United States, to Messrs. Price and Heywood, in part of the balance due to them from the said states, and transmit an account thereof to Congress:

That the committee of treasury be directed to use their endeavours to procure gold and silver as quickly as possible, to discharge the remainder:

That Messrs. Price and Heywood be allowed at the rate of five per cent. per annum interest, for the balance that may be due to them, after deducting the sum that shall be paid them by generals Schuyler and Gates, from the time of such payment until the said balance is paid.

*Resolved*, That Mr. J. Mease be directed to advance one month's pay to the officers and men from Maryland, on their march to the flying camp:

That the deputy quarter master general be directed to supply the troops from Maryland with such articles, as they may stand in need of, out of the stores in his hands belonging to the continent.

*Resolved*, That the five millions of dollars, last ordered to be emitted, consist of the following numbers and denominations, viz.

76,923	of	30	dollars	each,	2,307,690
76,923	of	8	do.	- -	615,384
76,923	of	7	do.	—	538,461
76,923	of	6	do.	- -	461,538
76,924	of	5	do.	- - -	384,620
76,923	of	4	do.	- -	307,692
76,923	of	3	do.	- - -	230,769
76,923	of	2	do.	- -	153,846

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*Resolved*,

*Resolved*, That an order for 2,666 dollars, and two thirds be drawn on the treasurer in favour of Ludwick Karcher, for the purpose of victualing the troops marching to the flying camp, he to be accountable.

The board of war brought in a report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That general Washington be informed that Congress have not received the treaty between the state of Massachusetts-Bay and the St. Johns and Micmac indians, and that he be requested to send a copy thereof:

That the secret committee be directed to furnish colonel Wilson with 23 muskets, 22 lb. of powder, and 88 lb. of lead, for the use of his battalion of militia.

The said board having recommended William Caldwell to be paymaster of colonel Baldwin's regiment of continental troops raised in Massachusetts-Bay, and William Lawrence to be paymaster of colonel Shee's battalion of continental troops, raised in the state of Pennsylvania:

*Resolved*, That they be accepted, and that commissions be granted to them accordingly.

*Resolved*, That an order for 296 dollars, and one third be paid to the order of Messrs. Simon and Campbell in full of a draught in their favour by George Morgan, dated at Pittsburg, June 3d, 1776, and that the same be charged to the account of the commissioners for indian affairs in the middle department.

*Resolved*, That the marine committee be directed to deliver to James Mease the sheeting in their hands for the use of the continental troops.

Congress being informed that Alexander Ross is detained at Pittsburg,

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the commissioners for indian affairs, to enquire into this matter, and if they find no new cause for detaining him since he was before the committee of Congress, and they think it proper that they permit him to pursue his journey into the indian country.

*Resolved*, That a member be added to the committee appointed to consider the application of the reverend Mr. Leonard.

The member chosen, Mr. Hall.

A letter of the 12th from brigadier general Mercer was read:

*Resolved*, That it be referred to the board of war.

Congress took into consideration the articles of war, and after some time spent thereon, the farther consideration thereof was postponed till to-morrow.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed,  
Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, *August 14, 1776.*

A letter of the 12th from general Washington with a return of the army at New-York, and sundry other papers inclosed being received, was read.

Also sundry letters from England were read.

*Resolved*, That the letter from general Washington with the papers inclosed, be referred to the board of war.

On request of the delegates of New-Jersey,

*Resolved*, That the tutors in Princetown college be detained from going to the flying camp, and that the said tutors be directed to continue in the said college exercising their several functions.

The committee appointed to devise a plan for encouraging the Hessians and other foreigners to quit the British service, brought in a report which was taken into consideration, whereupon Congress came to the following resolution.

Whereas it has been the wise policy of these states to extend the protection of their laws to all those who should settle among them of whatever nation or religion they might be, and to admit them to a participation of the benefits of civil and religious freedom, and the benevolence of this practice as well as its salutary effects have rendered it worthy of being continued in future times.

And whereas, his Britannic majesty, in order to destroy our freedom and happiness has commenced against us a cruel and unprovoked war; and unable to engage Briton's sufficient to execute his sanguinary measures has applied for aid to foreign princes, who are in the habit of selling the blood of their people for money, and from them has procured and transported hither considerable numbers of foreigners. And it is conceived that such foreigners, if apprised of the practice of these states would chuse to accept of lands, liberty, safety and a communion of good laws, and mild government in a country where many of their friends and relations are already happily settled, rather than continue exposed to the toils and dangers of a long and bloody war, waged against a people guilty of no other crime than that, of refusing to exchange freedom for slavery; and that they will do this the more especially when they reflect, that after they have violated every christian and moral precept by invading and attempting to destroy those who have never injured them or their country, their only reward, if they escape death and captivity, will be a return to the despotism of their prince to be by him again sold to do the drudgery of some other enemy to the rights of mankind.

And whereas the parliament of Great-Britain have thought fit by a late act, not only to invite our troops to desert our service but to direct a compulsion of our people taken at sea to serve against their country.

*Resolved*, Therefore, that these states will receive all such foreigners who shall leave the armies of his Britannic majesty in America,



rica, and shall chuse to become members of any of these states; and they shall be protected in the free exercise of their respective religions, and be invested with the rights, privileges and immunities of natives as established by the laws of these states; and moreover that this Congress will provide for every such person fifty acres of unappropriated lands in some of these states, to be held by him and his heirs in absolute property.

*Resolved*, That the foregoing resolution be committed to the committee, who brought in the report, and that they be directed to have it translated into German, and to take proper measures to have it communicated to the foreign troops.

*Resolved*, That Dr. Franklin be added to the said committee.

The committee of treasury reported that there is due,

To captain William Rofs for subsistence and ferriage of his company of sixty-seven men of colonel Smith's battalion on their march from York county to New-Jersey, the sum of 52 dollars, and forty-nine ninetieths :

To Daniel Smith for captain Gamble's allowance from 26th April to 10th August instant, being 15 weeks, at 2 dollars a week, the sum of 30 dollars :

To John Davis for 33 days hire of a waggon transporting the baggage of captain Hay's company of colonel Irwin's battalion from Carlisle to New-York, 110 dollars, and for 41 meals supplied captain Thomas Turbutt's company of colonel Wilfon's battalion on their march from Cumberland county to New-Jersey, the sum of 4 dollars, and nine ninetieths :

To John Eshenbach for 19 meals supplied recruits of captain Cluggage's company of colonel Hand's battalion 1 dollar, and eighty-one ninetieths :

To colonel Clement Biddle for 150 camp kettles, 200 dollars :

To Dr. John Coates for a set of surgeons instruments lost on his march with general Arnold from Cambridge to Quebec, the sum of 26 dollars, and sixty ninetieths :

To Sarah Campbell for nursing and boarding seven sick men belonging to captains Beaty, Benezet and Miller's companies, 30 dollars, and seven ninetieths.

*Ordered*, That the said accounts be paid.

A petition from Elisha Swift and Adonijah Spanborrough was presented to Congress and read.

*Resolved*, That it be referred to the delegates from Pennsylvania and Connecticut.

The board of war brought in a report which was taken into consideration; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That monsieur Weibert, now serving in the continental army at New York as an engineer, be appointed assistant engineer with the rank and pay of lieutenant-colonel; and that his pay commence from the time of his engaging in the service.

That

That general Mercer be directed to discharge or grant furlows to Joseph Kerr, hatter, a private of capt. Wills company in the first battalion; and to Philip Maufe, stocking weaver, a private in capt. Kling's company of the fourth battalion of Philadelphia militia; these two persons being applied for by Mr. Mease, commissary, to whom their services are indispensably necessary, in making and providing cloathing for the army.

*Resolved*, That the remainder of the report be postponed till to-morrow.

The several matters to this day referred being postponed,  
Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, *August 15, 1776.*

The board of war brought in a report which was taken into consideration; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That James Livingston having been appointed a colonel of a regiment by general Montgomery, have a colonels commission given him, with orders to enlist as many companies of Canadians as are willing to engage in the service; and that the commander in chief in the northern department be directed to recommend to Congress proper persons for officers under him.

The council of safety of Pennsylvania having recommended Mr. Bernard Hubley, jun. as first lieutenant in the fifth company of the German battalion;

*Resolved*, That he be accepted, and that a commission be granted to him accordingly.

A petition from Return Jonathan Meigs in behalf of himself and others, was presented to Congress and read:

*Resolved*, That it be referred to the board of war.

*Resolved*, That an order for 30,000 dollars be drawn on the treasurers in favour of James Mease, for the use of the militia going to New-Jersey.

*Resolved*, That the sum of 500 dollars be lodged in the hands of the auditor-general for the purpose of discharging small debts, he to be accountable.

*Resolved*, That the secret committee be directed to deliver to colonel McCallister eight stand of arms for the use of his battalion, the said committee taking security for the return of the said arms:

That the said committee be directed to deliver to the delegates of North-Carolina, five tons of lead for the use of the troops in that state.

The committee to whom the letter from governor Trumbull of the 19th July with sundry depositions and papers was referred, brought in their report, which was read:

Ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from Jeremiah Dugan was presented and read:

Ordered to lie on the table.

Congress

Congress resumed the consideration of the instructions given to commodore Hopkins, his examination and answers, &c. and thereupon came to the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the said commodore Hopkins, during his cruise to the southward, did not pay due regard to the tenor of his instructions, whereby he was expressly directed to annoy the enemy's ships upon the coasts of the southern states; and that his reasons for not going from Providence immediately to the Carolinas, are by no means satisfactory.

At the request of the delegates of Pennsylvania the farther consideration of the report was postponed till to-morrow.

A letter of the 14th from general Washington, one from general Schuyler of the 7th, and one of the 5th from general Gates being received, were read.

*Resolved*, That 500,000 dollars be sent to Mr. Trumbull, deputy paymaster general, for the use of the army in the northern department.

*Resolved*, That the secret committee be directed to deliver to the order of the marine committee such stores by them imported, as are necessary for the fleet.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, August 16, 1776.

A letter of the 15th from general Washington was read.

The board of treasury who were appointed to prepare instructions for the commissioners appointed to settle the accounts of the army at New-York and in the northern department, brought in a draught which was read and agreed to as follows:

To ————

Gentlemen, You are appointed commissioners by the Congress to liquidate the accounts of the army in                      You will therefore proceed immediately to                      and apply to general                      to direct all persons, who have been engaged in transacting public business to lay their accounts before you. In your examination you will observe the utmost exactness, taking care not to allow any accounts for which proper vouchers are not produced. No officer is permitted to hold two commissions, consequently is not to receive pay for two.

Every colonel of a battalion ought to produce muster rolls certified by the muster master or such other person as may have been appointed by the commanding officer to muster the men, of the number his battalion from time to time consisted of.

No allowance of pay or rations is to be made to any officer for men who have not been actually in the continental service.

If in the settlement of these accounts you shall discover any frauds to have been practised, or abuses committed by misapplica-

tion of public monies, you shall take particular notice of them, and make especial report to the committee of treasury. When you have compleated this business you are to transmit a copy of your proceedings with accounts to the committee of treasury to be by them finally adjusted and discharged.

*Ordered*, That a copy be made out and delivered to the respective commissioners.

*Resolved*, That the sum of 250,000 dollars be sent to Ebenezer Hancock, Esq; deputy paymaster general for the use of the army in the eastern department.

*Resolved*, That the sum of 1000 dollars be advanced to captain John David Whelper, for the bounty money, &c. of his company; he to be accountable.

A petition from Dr. Samuel Stringer, was presented and read:

*Resolved*, That it be referred to the medical committee.

*Resolved*, That the medical committee be impowered to purchase such medicines as they judge proper and useful for the army.

*Resolved*, That a member be added to the committee to whom were referred the letters and papers respecting the murder of Mr. Parsons :

The member chosen, Mr. J. Adams.

The committee to whom the letter from general Putnam in favour of the reverend Abiel Leonard was referred, reported,

“ That it appears from a further certificate of general Putnam, that Mr. Leonard performed the duty of a chaplain to other regiments than that of the general's for the space of eight months, for which he has had no compensation, and that it also appears that Mr. Leonard's services at that time in the army were very necessary and useful”; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the sum of 300 dollars be paid to the said Mr. Abiel Leonard as a reward for his services.

*Resolved*, That the letters received yesterday from general Washington, general Schuyler, and general Gates, be referred to the board of war.

Congress resumed the consideration of the instructions given to commodore Hopkins, his examination and answers, &c. and thereupon came to the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the said conduct of commodore Hopkins deserves the censure of this house, and this house does accordingly censure him.

*Ordered*, That a copy of the resolutions passed against commodore Hopkins be transmitted to him.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed :

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.



SATURDAY, *August 17, 1776.*

A letter of the 13th from general Washington was read.

The delegates of New-Jersey laid before Congress a resolution of their convention, empowering any one of them to represent the said state in these words;

“ In provincial Congress, New-Jersey, Burlington, June 22, 1776.

Upon the question whether one or more delegates shall be a quorum to represent this province in continental Congress, it was carried in favour of one. Extract from the minutes,

WILLIAM PATERSON, Secretary.”

The committee of treasury reported, that there is due,

To John Bates for 187 camp kettles delivered to Clement Bidle, deputy quarter master general, 249 dollars:

To George Bunner for a rifle purchased by lieutenant Moses Rawling from John Piper in Maryland, for the use of captain Grier's rifle company, and to be charged to the said company, 10 dollars, and sixty ninetieths:

To Messrs. Gibson and Aston for 5 rifles furnished captain Morgan's company of riflemen by persons in Frederick county, Virginia, and certified by the committee there, and to be charged to the said Morgan, 65 dollars, and thirty ninetieths:

To James Mercer for 597 meals furnished to the militia on their march to New-Jersey, 59 dollars, and sixty-three ninetieths:

To William Clayton for 454 meals supplied the militia on their march to New-Jersey, 45 dollars, and thirty-six ninetieths:

To William Allibone for his expences in search of flint stones by direction of the board of war, 6 dollars:

To Joseph Hinzey for 7 chairs and a stool for the use of the treasury office, 15 dollars, and eighteen ninetieths:

To William McCarroll for the passage of prisoners taken by captain Barry from Egg-Harbour to Philadelphia, with their maintenance on the road, 4 dollars, and fifty-six ninetieths:

To colonel Henry Haller 425 dollars, and thirty-nine ninetieths; of which sum 20 dollars are to be charged to captain Nelson, for two rifles delivered to him by David Miers; 14 dollars, and fifty four ninetieths to the army, for rations supplied captain Nelson's company; 24 dollars for contingent expences of three expresses; and 366 dollars, and seventy-five ninetieths for provisions for the prisoners at Reading with fire wood, salt, straw, &c. including 39 days service of the said Haller:

To George Struyls, for entertainment of the militia on their march to New-Jersey, 78 dollars, and sixty-four ninetieths:

To Robert Jewell for sundry bills for the repair of the old gaol in Philadelphia, and work done at the new gaol, 178 dollars, and fifty-three ninetieths:

*Ordered,* That the said accounts be paid

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The committee on indian affairs, to whom sundry letters and papers from Pittsburg were referred, having examined them, laid the same on the table, and desired they might be read, which was done.

*Resolved*, That an order for 50 dollars be drawn on the treasurer, in favour of George Morgan, for the use of Peter Long, for his services in the indian country.

*Resolved*, That the accounts of George Morgan, Esq; be referred to the board of treasury.

A letter of this day from Martin Johnson, lieutenant of artillery, was laid before Congress and read; wherein he desires Congress to enquire into the circumstances of Mr. Anstruther's diamond ring, which he acknowledges he has;—that he never made a secret of it;—that he found the ring some time after the garrison capitulated, and thought it to be a prize; and, for the truth of what he asserts, refers Congress to the certificates of several principal officers.

*Resolved*, That lieutenant Martin Johnson be directed to deliver the ring to the secretary of the war office, who is ordered to send the same to Mr. Anstruther, the owner.

Congress resumed the consideration of the report of the committee, to whom was referred brigadier general Wooster's letter, requesting an enquiry into his conduct, while he had the honour of commanding the continental forces in Canada, which was read as follows:

That brigadier general Wooster produced copies of a number of letters which passed between him and general Schuyler, and of his letters to Congress, from which it appears, that he, from time to time, gave seasonable and due notice of the state of the army under his command, and what supplies were, in his opinion, necessary to render the enterprize successful; that a number of officers and other gentlemen from Canada, who were acquainted with his conduct there, and who happened occasionally to be in this city, were examined before the committee; to which letters, and the minutes of the examination of the witnesses herewith exhibited, the committee beg leave to refer Congress for further information, and report, as the opinion of the committee upon the whole of the evidence that was before them, that nothing censurable or blame-worthy appears against brigadier general Wooster."

The report being again read, was agreed to.

The board of war brought in a report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That Gustavus Risberg be appointed assistant to Clement Biddle, deputy quarter master general to the flying camp, and that he reside at Philadelphia.

*Resolved*, That general Washington be desired to propose an exchange of his Britannic majesty's prisoners, captivated at St. John's and Chamblee, for those in the service of the United States taken in Canada;

That

That major Meggs be exchanged for major French, and captain Henry Dearbourne for an officer of his rank:

That in case a general exchange of prisoners should not be agreed to, that provision be made for supplying our prisoners in Canada, with necessaries, by procuring and sending bills of exchange drawn by British officers, prisoners in these states; or, if such cannot be obtained, that cash be sent to them.

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the convention of Maryland, to raise and arm two battalions upon the continental establishment:

That the men for the said battalions be enlisted to serve during the war, unless sooner discharged by Congress:

That the said convention recommend to Congress suitable persons for field officers of the said battalions, and appoint all the other officers:

That the said battalions be taken into continental pay so soon as they are armed and accoutred for service and accordingly mustered:

That 20,000 dollars be sent to the said convention, to defray the expences of raising the said battalions; to be accounted for to Congress.

Colonel Biddle having, by order of general Mercer, applied for the following articles, viz. 500 firelocks with bayonets, 500 bayonets with scabbards of different sizes, 200 spare ramrods, 4000 priming wires and 20,000 flints:

*Resolved*, That Mr. J. Mease, commissary, be directed to provide and deliver to colonel Biddle, or his order, the above articles, or as many of them as can be procured.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday.

MONDAY, August 19, 1776.

A letter of the 12th from general Washington, with the proceedings and judgment of a court martial against colonel Donald Campbell, inclosed, was read:

*Resolved*, That the proceedings and judgment of the court martial be sent to gen. Schuyler for his approbation or disapprobation.

Another letter of the 14th from general Washington, with papers inclosed, relative to Mr. Nubile, a foreigner, was read:

*Resolved*, That it be referred to the board of war.

A letter of the 14th, from commodore Hopkins, was read; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That commodore Hopkins be directed to repair to Rhode-Island, and take the command of the fleet formerly put under his care.

A letter of the 19th, from lieutenant M. Johnson, was read; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the stoppage of lieutenant M. Johnson's pay be taken off, and that he receive what is due to him. A letter

A letter of the 19th, from brigadier general Woolser, was read:  
Ordered to lie on the table.

The board of war having recommended captain James Chapman to be major of colonel Tyler's battalion, and captain Thomas Dyer to be major of colonel Durkee's:

*Resolved*, That they be accepted, and that commissions be granted to them accordingly.

*Resolved*, That the board of treasury be empowered to employ another press to print the bills of credit, and that Matthew Clarkson and Walter Shee, Esqrs. be appointed superintendants of the press, in addition to those already appointed for that service.

A petition from Chapman Ashur was presented to Congress and read.

The committee on indian affairs, to whom the letters from the commissioners in the middle and southern departments were referred, brought in a report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That it be left to the discretion of the commissioners in the middle department, to postpone the holding the treaty with the indians in their department, to such time as they think best; and that, if by continuing at Pittsburg in the mean while, they are of opinion they shall be able to bring the indians into a friendly disposition and to render the treaty more general, they be desired to continue there:

That the invitation given by the said commissioners to such of the six nations of indians, as live on the waters of the Ohio, to attend the said treaty, be approved:

That the said commissioners be instructed to make diligent enquiry into the murder lately committed by indians, in the neighbourhood of Pittsburg, on one Crawford, and that as soon as they discover by whom the same was committed, they demand due punishment on the offender or offenders, which being granted, this Congress will not consider the same as a national act:

That the said commissioners invite such of the indian chiefs and warriors of their department, as they think best, to visit Congress at Philadelphia, after the conclusion of the treaty with them:

That the following extract from the speech of Logan, an indian chief, be transmitted to the commissioners for the middle department, viz. "We still hear bad news. Conneodico and some of us are constantly threatened. And the Bearskin, a trader from Pennsylvania, amongst others, says, a great reward is offered to any person, who will take or entice either of us to Pittsburg, where we are to be hanged up like dogs by the Big Knife. This being true, how can we think of what is good. That it is true we have no doubt, and you may depend on it, that the Bearskin told Metopfica every word of what I have mentioned." And that they be directed to do all in their power to remove every jealousy of the

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United States or either of them from the minds of the indians. And as it may possibly happen, that the persons concerned in the indian trade, in order to ingross to themselves or to the traders of their own state the whole of the said indian trade, may by false suggestions endeavour to poison the minds of the said indians and render them inimical to any other state, and to involve such state in an indian war, that it be therefore recommended to the assemblies and conventions of the several states, from which trade is carried on with the indians, that they take the most effectual measures to prevent the traders of their respective states from pursuing a practice so dangerous to the peace of the United States :

That so much of the indian speech as relates to the Nantikokes be sent to the convention of Maryland, and that they be requested to give Congress such information upon the subject as they can obtain :

That agreeable to the proposition from the commissioners for indian affairs in the southern department, Mr. Galphin and Mr. Ray be desired to invite such of the head men of the Creeks, as they shall think expedient to visit Congress at Philadelphia, and that Mr. Galphin or Mr. Ray be requested to attend them hither, and that Congress will defray the expences of such journey.

*Resolved*, That the part of the report respecting the neutrality of the indians be postponed.

*Resolved*, That the sum of 1200 dollars be advanced to the commissioners appointed to audit and settle the accounts of the army at New-York, and in the northern department; they to be accountable.

Congress resumed the consideration of the articles of war as revised by the committee for that purpose appointed, and after some time spent thereon, the farther consideration thereof was postponed.

*Resolved*, That captain Archibald Hamilton be permitted to reside at New-Brunswick, until the farther orders of Congress.

The committee to whom was referred the petition from Elisha Swift, &c. brought in their report.

The committee of treasury reported, that there is due,

To Jacob Vanderhyden for cloathing supplied the army in Canada, viz. Captain Ten Eyck's company, £ 256: 15: 5; to captain John Visser's company, £ 188: 14: 5; to captain John Visgar, £ 34: 6: 6; to captain John Graim, £ 52: 0: 7; to general Arnold for the army, £ 4: 19: 0; for shoes purchased by order of the commissioners of Congress, £ 21: 12: 0; the whole amounting to £ 595: 7: 11, lawful money, equal to 1984 dollars and fifty-nine ninetieths :

To George Morgan, Esq; for the balance of his account for sundries supplied for the middle department, to be charged to the commissioners for indian affairs in the said department, 377 dollars, and seventy-five ninetieths :

To Robert Irwin for the hire of four teams and their ferriage to New-York, 162 dollars, and twenty-ninetieths :

To Christian Vogt for 116 meals supplied the troops on their march to New-Jersey, 7 dollars, and thirty-three ninetieths ; and that the same be paid to George Hufnagel :

To George Hufnagel for 666 meals supplied the troops on their march to New-Jersey, 42 dollars, and twenty-five ninetieths :

To colonel Jeremiah Dugan for the balance of his account for supplies to the army in Canada, exclusive of sundry articles for which he has produced no vouchers, 698 dollars, and forty-five ninetieths :

*Ordered*, That the said accounts be paid.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed :

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, *August 20, 1776.*

A letter of the 18th from general Washington with sundry papers inclosed, was laid before Congress and read.

*Resolved*, That the same be referred to a committee of five :

The members chosen, Mr. Jefferson, Mr. Franklin, Mr. Rutledge, Mr. J. Adams, and Mr. Hooper.

A petition from Harduin Mertlet was read and referred to the Canada committee.

The committee to whom was referred the petition from Dr. Stringer, brought in their report, which was taken into consideration ; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That Dr. Morgan was appointed director general and physician in chief of the American hospital :

That Dr. Stringer was appointed director and physician of the hospital in the northern department only :

That every director of a hospital possesses the exclusive right of appointing surgeons and hospital officers of all kinds, agreeable to the resolutions of Congress of the 17th of July in his own department, unless otherwise directed by Congress :

That Dr. Stringer be authorized to appoint a surgeon for the fleet now fitting out upon the lakes :

That a druggist be appointed in Philadelphia, whose business it shall be to receive and deliver all medicines, instruments and shop furniture for the benefit of the United States :

That a salary of 30 dollars a month be paid to the said druggist for his labour.

Congress proceeded to the election of a druggist, and the ballots being taken, Dr. William Smith was elected.

The board of treasury reported, that there is due,

To Joseph Haight for sundry supplies of provisions and wood for the prisoners at Burlington, from the 10th June to the 18th July last, 277 dollars, and thirty-six ninetieths : *Ordered*,

*Ordered*, That the same be paid.

A letter from Meafe and Caldwell was laid before Congress and read:

*Resolved*, That it be referred to a committee of three :

The members chosen, Mr. Walton, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Payne:

Congress resolved itself into a committee of the whole to take into their farther consideration the articles of confederation, and after some time the president resumed the chair, and Mr Morton reported that the committee having had under consideration the articles of confederation, have gone through the same, and agreed to sundry articles, which he was ordered to submit to Congress.

The report of the committee being read;

*Ordered*, That eighty copies of the articles of confederation as reported from the committee of the whole, be printed under the same injunctions as the former articles, and delivered to the members under the like instructions as formerly.

*Resolved*, That Mr. Hamilton Young be permitted to reside in Pennsylvania, until the farther orders of Congress.

The committee appointed to prepare a device for a great seal for the United States, brought in the same with an explanation thereof:

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

A letter of the 19th from general Washington was read.

Information being given to Congress that the crews of some of the American vessels have risen against their captains, and piratically seized the vessels, and that one of them being carried into England, the pirates have been publicly countenanced, and the vessel and cargo taken by administration and sent to victual their fleet and army in America:

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to enquire into the circumstances of the captures and report thereon:

The members chosen, Mr. Franklin, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Jefferson.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed :

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

#### WEDNESDAY, August 21, 1776.

A petition from Prudhome la Juneffe was read and referred to the board of war.

The committee to whom the memorial of Samuel Holden Parsons was referred, brought in their report which was read; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That Bazil Bouderot mentioned in the said memorial be sent to the state of Massachusetts-Bay, and there delivered to the council of the said state, and that it be recommended to the said council to proceed against the said Bazil Bouderot according to the laws of their state; but if they have no law by which crimes committed out of their state may be tried within the same, that

then they confine the said Basil Bouderot, until the situation of public affairs will admit his being removed to Nova-Scotia, where the crime is alledged to have been committed, and there submitted to a fair trial, according to the ancient laws of that province.

The committee, to whom part of the report from the committee on spies was re-committed, having brought in a report, the same was taken into consideration; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That all persons not members of nor owing allegiance to any of the United States of America, as described in a resolution of Congress of the 24th of June last, who shall be found lurking as spies in or about the fortifications or encampments of the armies of the United States, or of any of them, shall suffer death according to the law and usage of nations, by sentence of a court martial, or such other punishment as such court martial shall direct.

*Ordered*, That the above resolution be printed at the end of the rules and articles of war.

*Resolved*, That 500,000 dollars be sent to the pay-master general for the use of the army at New-York.

The board of war brought in a report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the cannon committee be directed to contract for the immediate casting of six 6 pounders, six 12 pounders, four 8 inch howitzers, four 6 inch howitzers and 6 cohorn mortars, to be made of brass, if a sufficient quantity of that metal can be procured; if not, to be cast of iron, and sent, as soon as possible, to general Gates for the use of the northern army, and that the said committee provide also carriages and every thing necessary to complete the said artillery for service:

That major general Ward be authorized and requested, if his health will permit, to continue in the command of the forces, in the service of the United States, in the eastern department, until farther orders:

That the cannon committee be authorized to possess themselves of the copper said to be at New-London, belonging to the United States.

*Resolved*, That colonel Henry Knox be authorized to draw upon the pay-master general for money sufficient to pay for any quantity of copper that can be procured for the use of the United States; he to render an account of the sums drawn for, and the copper purchased.

*Resolved*, That the letter from general Washington read yesterday, and that of the 12th, with the papers inclosed, be referred to the board of war.

A letter to the committee of secret correspondence was read.

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to revise the resolutions of Congress, respecting the place where prizes are to be carried into, and to bring in such farther resolutions as to them shall seem proper:

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The members chosen, Mr. Jefferson, Mr. Morris and Mr. J. Adams.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed :  
Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, *August 22, 1776.*

A letter of the 20th from general Washington, inclosing a copy of major Bigelow's journal, and general Carleton's order of the fourth of August; also, a letter of the 16th from general Schuyler, were read.

*Resolved*, That the letter from general Washington, with the papers inclosed, be referred to the board of war :

That the letter from general Schuyler be referred to the committee on the miscarriages in Canada.

The president laid before Congress a warrant for apprehending Thomas Reed, Patrick Ballantine and Robert Gilmore, and informed that, in consequence thereof, a party of light horse have brought the prisoners to Philadelphia, where they are confined under a guard, at the indian queen tavern :

*Resolved*, That the prisoners be sent for examination to the council of safety of Pennsylvania.

*Resolved*, That 1400 dollars be paid to Alexander Tod, it being in full of an order in his favour, drawn by George Morgan, for goods purchased for the treaty at Pittsburg, and that the same be charged to the accounts of the commissioners for indian affairs in the middle department.

*Resolved*, That an order for 2000 dollars be drawn on the treasurer, in favour of colonel Mark Bird, who has contracted to cast cannon for the United States; he to be accountable.

The board of war brought in a report, which was read :

Ordered to lie on the table.

The committee to whom the letter from general Washington of the 18th was referred, brought in a report, which was read :

Ordered to lie on the table.

Congress then resolved itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the form of a treaty, and after some time, the president resumed the chair, and Mr. Nelson reported, that the committee have had under consideration the matter to them referred, but not having had time to go through the same, desired leave to sit again.

*Resolved*, That Congress will to-morrow resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the plan of foreign treaties.

A letter of the 18th, from the council of safety of Maryland, was read; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That 26,666 dollars and two-thirds be advanced to the council of safety of Maryland, for the use of the troops raised for the flying camp; they to be accountable.

A letter

A letter from brigadier general Lewis; also, a letter from the committee of Carlisle, in Pennsylvania, inclosing a memorial from the officers, prisoners there, were read and referred to the board of war.

The marine committee having recommended Dudley Saltonstall to the command of the frigate Trumbull; Jonathan Maltbay, first lieutenant, and David Phipps to be second lieutenant of the said frigate; Wilson to be first lieutenant of the Washington, and John Nicholson to be second lieutenant of ditto; John Hodge to command the Montgomery frigate at New-York:

*Resolved*, That they be accepted, and commissions granted to them accordingly.

*Resolved*, That the secret committee be directed to deliver to major Nichols a number of muskets sufficient to arm the marines under his command in this city.

The committee of treasury reported, that there is due,

To Robert Jewell, for a writing desk, stools, &c. for the board of war, the sum of 31 dollars and sixty ninetieths:

To John Bates, for 120 camp-kettles delivered to deputy quarter-master general C. Biddle, 160 dollars:

To John Bogart, for the expences of burying a soldier of capt. Harman's company, and for maintenance and nursing of him and one other soldier belonging to captain Willet's company, both of the first Pennsylvania battalion, 19 dollars and thirty ninetieths; and for the expence of guards escorting powder, &c. 5 dollars and thirty-one ninetieths; both amounting to 24 dollars and sixty-one ninetieths, and to be paid to Joseph Burrell:

To Oswald Eve, for surveying the inlets to the northward of Cape May, by order of a committee of Congress, 224 dollars and fifty-five ninetieths:

To Richard Bache, Stephen Paschall and Michael Hillegas, for superintending the press from December the 13th, 1775, to February the 3d, 1776, in printing the second emission of continental bills of credit, and of the ten thousand dollars struck for the purpose of exchanging torn and ragged bills, 45 days each, at two dollars, agreeable to a resolve of Congress, 270 dollars:

To James Budden, for hire of waggons and expences of prisoners, &c. to Reading and Carlisle, 164 dollars and fifty-four ninetieths:

*Ordered*, That the said accounts be paid.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, August 23, 1776.

A letter of the 21st from general Washington, inclosing a copy of a letter from him to lord Howe, together with his lordship's answer, was read:

*Resolved*,

*Resolved*, That the same be referred to the board of war, with orders to publish the general's letter to lord Howe, and his lordship's answer.

A petition from William Holton was read, and referred to the marine committee.

A petition from James M<sup>c</sup>Henry was read, and referred to the medical committee.

A petition from Lewis Prah, gunsmith, was read; praying that the workmen in his manufactory may be exempted from going to the flying camp, and that two of his workmen, who have enlisted, may be discharged:

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petition be granted.

The delegates from Pennsylvania and Connecticut, to whom the application from the convention of Pennsylvania, and the inhabitants settled under Connecticut in the town of Westmoreland, was referred, brought in a report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That six companies, on the continental establishment, be raised in Pennsylvania, and posted along the frontiers of the counties of Northumberland and parts adjacent, till further orders of Congress:

That suitable persons be recommended to Congress, by the convention of Pennsylvania, for a lieutenant colonel and major, to command the said forces, and that the said convention appoint the captains and subalterns:

That two companies, on the continental establishment, be raised in the town of Westmoreland, and stationed in proper places for the defence of the inhabitants of the said town and parts adjacent, till farther orders of Congress; the commissioned officers of the said two companies to be immediately appointed by Congress:

That the pay of the men to be raised as aforesaid, commence when they are armed and mustered, and that they be liable to serve in any part of the United States, when ordered by Congress:

That the said troops be enlisted to serve during the war, unless sooner discharged by Congress.

*Resolved*, That any number of troops ordered into the service of the continent by Maryland, above the quota of that state, be taken into continental pay.

A letter from Mr. Temple of Charlestown in Massachusetts-Bay, was laid before Congress and read:

*Resolved*, That it be referred to a committee of three.

The members chosen, Mr. Hooper, Mr. Heyward, and Mr. Stone.

*Resolved*, That an order for 30,000 dollars be drawn on the treasurer, in favour of Mr. James Mease for the public service; he to be accountable.

Congress resumed the consideration of the report from the marine committee; whereupon,

*Resolved*,

*Resolved*, That the marine committee be authorized and empowered to purchase materials in all such parts of America as they may think proper, for building more ships of war, and that the said committee report to Congress a plan of the ships that should be built in addition to the present navy.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed :  
Adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday.

MONDAY, August 26, 1776.

Three letters of the 22d and 23d from general Washington with sundry papers inclosed ; a letter from William Finnie, deputy quarter master general of the southern department, were read, and referred to the board of war.

A letter of the 18th from general Schuyler was read, and the same, together with the minutes of the treaty held with the indians at the German Flats, were referred to the standing committee on indian affairs.

A letter from William Coxe and others, owners of three privateers fitting out in Philadelphia, was read and referred to the marine committee.

A petition from George Measam was read and referred to the board of war.

Congress proceeded to the election of sundry officers, when Jonathan Dayton was elected regimental paymaster of colonel Dayton's battalion. Robert Durkee and Samuel Ransom, captains of the two companies ordered to be raised in the town of Westmoreland. James Wellis and Perin Ross, first lieutenants. Ashael Buck and Simon Spalding, second lieutenants ; and Heman Swift and Mathew Hollomback, ensigns of the said companies.

On application from the convention of the state of Pennsylvania,

*Resolved*, That 100,000 dollars be lent to the said convention of Pennsylvania, to be put into the hands of the council of safety ; the said state to be accountable.

*Resolved*, That the secret committee be directed to send to captain Durkee, 200 lb. of powder, and a proportionable quantity of lead for the use of the two Westmoreland companies.

*Resolved*, That an order for 500 dollars be drawn on the treasurer, in favour of Mr. Philip Schuyler, in full for 500 lb. of powder purchased on the eastern shore, for the use of the continental forces.

*Resolved*, That the president be empowered to give orders for the payment of the bills drawn by the treasurers of North-Carolina for the use of the continental forces in that state.

On application of the parties,

*Resolved*, That the hearing and determining upon the appeal against the verdict and judgment passed upon the schooner Thistle be farther postponed to Monday the 9th of September next.

A petition



A petition from sundry paper-makers was presented to Congress and read, praying that Nathan Sellers an associator in colonel Paschall's battalion, may be ordered back from New-Jersey, to make and prepare moulds, washers and utensils for carrying on the paper manufactory :

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petition be granted.

Congress resumed the report of the committee on disabled soldiers and seamen, and came to the following resolutions :

Whereas, in the course of the present war, some commissioned and non-commissioned officers of the army and navy, as also private soldiers, marines and seamen, may lose a limb, or be otherwise so disabled as to prevent their serving in the army or navy, or getting their livelihood, and may stand in need of relief :

*Resolved*, That every commissioned officer, non-commissioned officer and private soldier, who shall lose a limb in any engagement, or be so disabled in the service of the United States of America, as to render him incapable afterwards of getting a livelihood, shall receive during his life or the continuance of such disability, the one half of his monthly pay from and after the time that his pay as an officer or soldier ceases ; to be paid by the committee as hereafter mentioned :

That every commander of any ship of war or armed vessel, commissioned officer, warrant officer, marine or seaman belonging to the United States of America, who shall lose a limb in any engagement in which no prize shall be taken, or be therein otherwise so disabled as to be rendered incapable of getting a livelihood, shall receive, during his life or the continuance of such disability, the one half of his monthly pay from and after the time that his pay as an officer or marine, or seaman, ceases ; to be paid as hereafter mentioned. But in case a prize shall be taken at the time such loss of limb or other disability shall happen, then such sum, as he may receive out of the net profits of such prize, before a dividend is made of the same, agreeable to former orders of Congress, shall be considered as part of his half pay, and computed accordingly :

That every commissioned officer, non-commissioned officer, and private soldier in the army, and every commander, commission officer, warrant officer, marine or seaman of any of the ships of war, or armed vessels belonging to the United States of America, who shall be wounded in any engagement so as to be rendered incapable of serving in the army or navy, though not totally disabled from getting a livelihood, shall receive such monthly sum as shall be judged adequate by the assembly or other representative body of the state where he belongs or resides, upon application to them for that purpose, provided the same doth not exceed his half pay.

Provided that no commissioned officer, non-commissioned officer and private soldier in the army, commander, commission officer, warrant officer, marine or seaman of any of the ships of war or armed

armed vessels belonging to the United States of America, who shall be wounded or disabled as aforesaid, shall be entitled to his half pay or other allowance, unless he produce to the committee or officer appointed to receive the same in the state where he resides or belongs, or to the assembly or legislative body of such state, a certificate from the commanding officer, who was in the same engagement in which he was so wounded, or in case of his death, from some other officer of the same corps, and the surgeon that attended him, or a certificate from the commander of the ship of war or armed vessel engaged in the action in which any officer, marine or seaman received his wound, and from the surgeon who attended him, of the name of the person so wounded, his office, rank, department, regiment, company, ship of war, or armed vessel to which he belonged, his office or rank therein, the nature of his wound, and in what action or engagement he received it :

That it be recommended to the several assemblies or legislative bodies of the United States of America, to appoint some person or persons in their respective states, who shall receive and examine all such certificates, as may be presented to them and register the same in a book, and also what support is adjudged by the assembly or legislative body of their state to those, whose case requires but a partial support, and also of the payment from time to time of every half pay and other allowance, and of the death of such disabled person, or ceasing of such allowance, and shall make a fair and regular report of the same quarterly to the secretary of Congress or board of war, where a separate record shall be kept of the same :

That it be recommended to the assemblies or legislative bodies of the several states, to cause payment to be made of all such half pay or other allowances as shall be adjudged due to the persons aforesaid, on account of the United States.

Provided that all such officers and soldiers that may be entitled to the aforesaid pension, and are found to be capable of doing guard or garrison duty, shall be formed into a corps of invalids, and subject to the said duty ; and all officers, marines and seamen of the navy who shall be entitled to the pension aforesaid, and shall be found capable of doing any duty on board the navy or any department thereof, shall be liable to be so employed :

*Ordered*, That the above be published.

The medical committee, to whom Dr. McHenry's petition was referred, brought in a report ; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That Congress have a proper sense of the merit and services of Dr. McHenry, and recommend it to the directors of the different hospitals belonging to the United States, to appoint Dr. McHenry to the first vacancy, that shall happen, of a surgeon's birth in any of the said hospitals.

A letter

A letter of the 22d, from colonel James Wilfon, was read, and referred to Mr. Jefferson, Mr. Franklin and Mr. J. Adams.

The feveral matters to this day referred, being postponed:  
Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, *August 27, 1776.*

A letter of the 23d, from general Mercer, was read and referred to the board of war.

A petition from Pelatiah Webfter was prefented to Congress and read; praying leave to fell the floop Betty; belonging to Abiel Wood of Pownalborough, in the province of Maine; from felling of which he is reſtrained by the committee of inſpection of the city and liberties of Philadelphia, on account of exceptions taken to the political character of the owner; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the petitioner have leave to fell the ſaid ſloop; the money ariſing from the ſale to be lodged in the hands of the aſſembly of Maſſachuſet's Bay, and by them diſpoſed of in the ſame manner as the other eſtate of the owner.

*Resolved*, That Zebulon Butler, Eſq; be appointed to ſupply the two companies, ordered to be raiſed in the town of Weſtmoreland, with provisions, and that he be allowed therefor, at the rate of one-twelfth part of a dollar per ration, until farther order of Congress.

The board of war brought in a report, which was taken into conſideration; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the legiſlature of the commonwealth of Virginia, to provide cloathing for the continental troops raiſed in that ſtate; the expence of the ſaid cloathing to be paid out of the continental military cheſt for the ſouthern department, and deducted out of the ſoldiers pay:

That Mr. Meaſam who petitions to be provided for on the ſcore of his having ſerved in Canada, and alſo deſires payment of an account againſt the continent, be referred to the treaſury board for a ſettlement of his account.

*Resolved*, That the ſecret committee be directed to deliver to the Maryland troops ſuch arms as are in their poſſeſſion; belonging to the continent, and not already appropriated; the ſtate of Maryland to be accountable for ſuch arms delivered to their troops.

The committee, to whom the letter from colonel Wilfon was referred, brought in a report, which was taken into conſideration; whereupon Congress came to the following reſolutions:

Congress proceeding to take into farther conſideration the expediency of inviting, from the ſervice of his Britanniſh majeſty, ſuch foreigners as are engaged therein, and expecting that, among the officers having command in the ſaid foreign corps, there may be many of liberal minds, poſſeſſing juſt ſentiments of the rights of human nature, and of the ineſtimable value of freedom, who may



be prompted to renounce so dishonourable a service by the feelings of humanity and a just indignation at the office, to which they are devoted by an infamous contract between two arbitrary sovereigns, and at the insult offered them, by compelling them to wage war against an innocent people, who never offended them, nor the nation to which they belong, but are only contending for their just rights; and willing to tender to them also, as they had before done to the soldiers of their corps, a participation of the blessings of peace, liberty, property and mild government:

*Resolved*, That this Congress will give to all such of the said foreign officers, as shall leave the armies of his Britannic majesty in America, and chuse to become citizens of these states, unappropriated lands in the following quantities and proportions, to them and their heirs in absolute dominion; to a colonel, 1000 acres; to a lieutenant colonel, 800 acres; to a major, 600 acres; to a captain, 400 acres; to a lieutenant, 300 acres; to an ensign, 200 acres; to every non-commissioned, 100 acres, and to every other officer or person employed in the said foreign corps, and whose office or employment is not here specifically named, in the like proportion to their rank or pay in the said corps; and moreover, that where any officers shall bring with them a number of the said foreign soldiers, this Congress, besides the lands before promised to the said officers and soldiers, will give to such officers further rewards proportioned to the numbers they shall bring over, and suited to the nature of their wants. Provided, that such foreign officers or soldiers shall come over from the armies of his Britannic majesty, before these offers shall be recalled.

*Resolved*, That this Congress agrees to the proposition from general Howe, that, in exchange of prisoners, the choice shall be made by the respective commanders for their own officers and men; provided the respective commanders shall also have a right to make choice what citizens shall be given in exchange by the other.

Congress resolved itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the plan of foreign treaties, and after some time, the president resumed the chair, and Mr. Nelson reported, that the committee have gone through the same, and made sundry amendments therein.

*Resolved*, That the plan of treaties, with the amendments, be referred to the committee who brought in the original plan, in order to draw up instructions pursuant to the amendments made by the committee of the whole:

That two members be added to the said committee:

The members chosen, Mr. R. H. Lee and Mr. Wilson.

A petition from the deputy commissary general was read, and referred to the board of war.

Sundry members of the committee appointed to revise the journals, and superintend the printing thereof, being absent:

*Resolved*,



*Resolved*, That four members be added to the said committee, and that any two be a quorum:

The members chosen, Mr. Heyward, Mr. Hooper, Mr. Williams and Mr. Walton.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, *August* 28, 1776.

A letter of the 26th from general Washington, inclosing a copy of a letter to him from lord Drummond; also a letter of the 27th, from captain Wade, were read.

*Resolved*, That the letter from captain Wade be referred to the board of treasury, and that they be directed to send him 100 dollars; for which he is to be accountable.

A petition from Jacob Bankson, and one from Jean Langeay, were read and referred to the board of war.

*Resolved*, That an order for 500,000 dollars be drawn on the treasurer, in favour of the marine committee, who are to be accountable for the expenditure thereof.

*Resolved*, That an order for 5000 dollars be drawn on the treasurer, in favour of the delegates of Georgia, for the purpose of purchasing rifles for the troops ordered to be raised for the defence of that state, and for defraying the expences of their march to Georgia; the said delegates to be accountable for the expenditure thereof.

Congress being informed, that one of the Virginia battalions was on their march to New-Jersey, and that they intend to pass through York-town and Philadelphia:

*Resolved*, That the commanding officer of the said battalion be directed to march from York-town, by the nearest route, to New-Jersey; there to be subject to the orders of general Washington.

The marine committee having recommended Joseph Greenway to be third lieutenant on board the Delaware frigate commanded by Charles Alexander, Esq;

*Resolved*, That he be accepted, and a commission granted to him accordingly.

A petition from Jacob Fowler was read, and referred to the standing committee for indian affairs.

*Resolved*, That the marine committee be directed to lend ten bolts of light duck to the delegates of Maryland, for the use of the troops from that state; provided the same can be done without prejudicing the marine service.

*Resolved*, That an order for 312 dollars and twenty-four ninetieths be drawn on the treasurer, in favour of the medical committee; the same being for a box of rhubarb bought by them of Pelatiah Webster.

The delegates of Virginia produced new credentials of their appointment, which were read, as follows:

“ VIRGINIA,

" VIRGINIA, sct. In CONVENTION, Thursday, June 20, 1776,

" The convention proceeded according to the order of the day, to the appointment of delegates to represent this colony in General Congress, and the members having prepared tickets, and put the same into the ballot-box, Mr. Treasurer, Mr. George Mason, Mr. Blair, Mr. Holt and Mr. Henry Tazewell, were appointed a committee to examine the same, and report upon whom the majority falls; and it appearing from the report of the committee, that the majority was in favour of George Wythe, Thomas Nelson, Richard Henry Lee, Thomas Jefferson and Francis Lightfoot Lee, Esqrs; Resolved therefore, that the said George Wythe, Thomas Nelson, Richard Henry Lee, Thomas Jefferson and Francis Lightfoot Lee, Esqrs; be, and they are hereby appointed delegates, to represent this colony in general Congress for one year, from the 11th of August next.

" *Resolved*, That any three of the said delegates be a sufficient number to represent this colony in the said general Congress.

A copy.

JOHN TAZEVELL, Clk. Conv."

The committee to whom the letter from Mease and Caldwell was referred, brought in their report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That 500 lb. of gunpowder be delivered to the said Mease and Caldwell, for the purpose of procuring deerskins to make breeches for the soldiery in the service of the United States, they to be accountable:

That the secret committee be directed to fall upon proper ways and means of procuring a further supply of deer skins for the like purpose from Georgia and South-Carolina.

The committee to whom was referred the letter from Harriot Temple brought in a report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That upon the said Harriot's producing to the quarter master general an account of the trees which were cut down upon the farm of Robert Temple, Esq; for the purpose of supplying the continental army with wood for firing, or for the purposes of fortifications, so far as from the nature of the circumstances such destruction can be ascertained by her, the quarter master general of the continental army shall make her a just compensation for the same, in such manner as other persons have been paid who have supplied the army with wood for these purposes, and the quarter-master general in his accounts shall be allowed for the same by this Congress.

Congress took into consideration the report of the committee for enquiring into, and rectifying the defects in the powder manufactured for the United States; and thereupon,

*Resolved*, That there be an inspector or inspectors sufficiently qualified to judge the goodness of gunpowder, who shall examine every

every cask of gunpowder manufactured, or to be purchased on account of the United States, by the most approved method of ascertaining the quality of gunpowder, the said inspector or inspectors to receive one eighth part of a dollar for every hundred weight of powder he or they shall so examine :

That no gunpowder be received into the public magazine for the use of the United States of America, or delivered from the powder mills for that purpose, but such as has been approved of by the public inspector, as to its quickness in firing, strength, dryness and other necessary qualities :

That the inspector mark each cask approved, with the letters U. S. A. and such other marks as are necessary to distinguish the several sorts of gunpowder :

That every maker of gunpowder mark every cask in which he shall pack his gunpowder, with the first letters of his name :

That gunpowder be put into no casks but such as are well seasoned and dry :

That it be recommended to the legislatures of the several states of America, to cause suitable inspectors to be appointed to examine and determine the quality of all gunpowder manufactured within their jurisdiction, and that no person be allowed to vend any gunpowder manufactured in any of the states of America, unless the same in the judgment of such inspector shall be of sufficient quality ; and to make such laws for executing this, or any other regulations for promoting the manufacture of good gunpowder as to them may seem most convenient.

Congress then proceeded to the election of an inspector of gunpowder, and the ballots being taken,

Rober Towers was chosen.

*Resolved*, That 500,000 dollars be sent to the paymaster general at New-York :

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed :

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, *August* 29, 1776.

A letter of the 27th from R. H. Harrison the general's secretary, and one of the 28th from general Mercer, both giving an account of an action on Long-Island on the 27th, were read and referred to the board of war.

A letter of the 28th from Richard Dallam, deputy paymaster general for the flying camp, was also read ; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That an order for 10,000 dollars be drawn on the treasurer in favour of Gustavus Risberg, and that the same be charged to the account of Mr. Dallam :

That the letter from Mr. Dallam be referred to the board of treasury;

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It being represented by Dr. Franklin, one of the late commissioners to Canada, that monsieur Bernard Mousac de la Marquisie had a commission given to him by the said commissioners, to be a captain and engineer in one of the regiments to be raised there, and that he lost his commission with his baggage at Chamblee; it was thereupon,

*Resolved*, That a new commission be granted to him.

A letter of the 3d from lord Stirling was read and referred to the cannon committee.

The marine committee having recommended Alpheus Rice to be first lieutenant of marines on board the brig Hamden, commanded by Hoysted Hacker, Esq;

*Resolved*, That he be accepted, and a commission granted to him accordingly.

The committee appointed to consider the claims of Canadians, who have been in the service of the continent; reported,

That Samuel Morrison who appears by the certificates of lieutenant-colonels Williams and Brown to have been at the siege of Quebec two months and six days, and to have rendered essential service in several capacities, and had been promised a commission of captain, which he never received, be allowed the sum of 40 dollars in full for his said services:

That the petition of Hardouen Merlet for a pension, in consideration of his services, not being supported by any certificate, a voucher relating to such services, no allowance can, at present properly be made to him:

That there be paid to Francis Bourignon the sum of 45 dollars and one third, due to him for his service as a private three months, and as a serjeant four months in colonel Hazen's and colonel Brown's regiments:

The said report being read, was agreed to.

A letter of the 2d from general Lee at Charlestown with an intercepted letter inclosed, was read.

*Resolved*, That Mr. J. Mease be directed to provide proper cloathing for the German battalion, and also for the two Virginia battalions on their march to New-York, the cost of which cloathing to be deducted out of the pay of the men by stoppages.

*Resolved*, That the secret committee be directed to provide proper arms for the German battalion, and in case they cannot otherways provide arms, that they be impowered to apply to this purpose those ordered to be put into the hands of the marines:

That the said committee be directed to deliver to Mr. James Mease, the bale of cloths in their possession for the public service, he to be accountable:

That the said committee be directed to import the medicines ordered by the medical committee.

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The committee of treasury reported, that there is due,

To Joseph Sheerer, for account of captain Cowden, for 608 rations due to his company of militia, at the time of their march from Lancaster county on their way to New-Jersey, 54 dollars and four ninetieths:

To Joseph Sheerer, for account of captain James Murray, for 700 rations due to his company of militia, at the time of their march from Lancaster county on their way to New-Jersey, 61 dollars and twenty ninetieths:

To Richard Chiney, for 1311 meals supplied the militia, on their march to New-Jersey, 122 dollars and sixty-six ninetieths:

To David Jones, for his pay as chaplain to the third and fourth Pennsylvania battalions, from the 13th of June to the 29th of August inclusive, 84 dollars and forty ninetieths:

To Josiah Fiffenden, for services as an express, including horse-hire and travelling expences, 89 dollars:

*Ordered,* That the said accounts be paid.

The board of war brought in a report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon,

*Resolved,* That George Measam, Esq; be continued in the office of superintendant commissary of stores, except artillery stores, for the northern army, with the pay of 33 dollars and one-third per month.

*Resolved,* That a committee of three be appointed to devise ways and means of regulating the post-office, and of establishing advice boats between the southern colonies and Philadelphia, so as to facilitate and expedite the conveying intelligence from one part of the continent to another:

The members chosen, Mr. Heyward, Mr. Jefferson and Mr. Morris.

*Resolved,* That the letter inclosed in that of general Lee's of the 2d, and which was found on Long-Island in South-Carolina, be published.

A letter from Monf. Le Chevalier Saurelle was read, and referred to the board of war.

*Resolved,* That the committee, to whom the plan of treaties, with the amendments, was re-committed, be empowered to prepare such farther instructions as to them shall seem proper, and make report thereof to Congress.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed;

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, August 30, 1776.

A letter of the 29th from general Washington, and one of the 22d from governor Trumbull, were read.

*Resolved,* That the letter from governor Trumbull be referred to the board of treasury.

*Resolved,*

*Resolved*, That the duck, in the hands of Mr. Green at Rhode-Island, be made up into tents, and forwarded, with all possible expedition, to general Washington.

*Resolved*, That Mr. J. Mease be directed to purchase all the linen, in this city, suitable for tents, and have the same made up as soon as possible, and report to Congress immediately the quantity that can be procured.

A memorial from David White, of the county of Summerset in New-Jersey, was presented to Congress and read; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That from the state of facts in the said memorial, Congress have no objection to Mr. White's being excused from bearing arms, but remit the same to the assembly of New-Jersey, to whom the enquiry and determination properly belong.

A memorial from Mr. Kosciusko was read and referred to the board of war.

Congress took into consideration the report of the committee on governor Trumbull's letter of the 19th of July, and after debate, the report was re-committed for the purpose of stating the facts and circumstances, which induced governor Trumbull to stop the vessels going out of the sound.

The committee for regulating the post-office, brought in their report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the communication of intelligence with frequency and dispatch, from one part to another of this extensive continent, is essentially requisite to its safety; that therefore, there be employed, on the public post-roads, a rider for every twenty-five or thirty miles, whose business it shall be to proceed through his stage three times in every week, setting out immediately on receipt of the mail, and travelling with the same, by night and by day, without stopping, until he shall have delivered it to the next rider; and that the post-master general be desired, either by the use of way-bills, or by such other means as he shall find most efficacious, to prevent delays in the riders, or to discover where they happen, that such dilatory riders may be discharged.

And as it is requisite that the deputy post-masters should attend with punctuality at their several offices for the receipt and delivery of letters:

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the assemblies and conventions of these states, to consider how far it may be consistent with the policy and the good of their respective states, to excuse such deputy post-masters from those public duties, which may call them from attendance at their offices, and to proceed therein as to their wisdom shall seem best.

*Resolved*, That three advice-boats be established; one to ply between the state of North-Carolina and such port as shall be most convenient to the place at which the Congress shall be sitting; one other between the state of South-Carolina and the said port, and one

one other between the state of Georgia and the same port; that such advice-boats be armed and put under the direction of the secret committee, who are impowered to freight them with such merchandizes or commodities as, without retarding their passage, may, together with the usual postage on letters, and other papers transmitted by them, contribute to defray the expences of the said boats.

The convention of New-York having represented that, for want of blacksmiths, they are greatly delayed in obstructing the passage of Hudson's river, in the highlands, which is an object of great importance:

*Resolved*, That the convention of New-York be impowered to employ, for the purpose aforesaid, the blacksmiths that are now engaged in building the continental frigates at Poughkepsie.

The committee, to whom the petition of William Bell and company was referred, brought in their report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to governor Trumbull to permit the sloop Freemason, Epaphros Mygat, master, with her cargo, belonging to the petitioners, to proceed on her voyage to the island of St. Eustatia, so soon as the said master shall judge she may sail, without falling into the hands of the enemy on the coast.

The committee appointed to enquire into the claims of sundry Canadians, report, that there is due,

To Andrew Pepin, for two months services as a captain, and six months services as a lieutenant, together with rations during the time of his said services, 201 dollars and one-third:

To James Pillieur, for five months services as a private, and three months services as a lieutenant, together with one ration a day, during the said three months, 99 dollars and one-third:

*Ordered*, That the said accounts be paid.

The committee on the treasury reported, that there is due;

To Melchior Meng, for waggon and horse-hire, carrying money to New-York, escorted by Mr. Fullerton and others, the sum of 28 dollars and four ninetieths:

To John Bates, for 150 camp kettles delivered to Clement Bidle, deputy quarter-master general, 200 dollars:

To Jacob Hiltzheimer, for expresse to Albany, New-York, Boston, Burlington, &c. between the 11th of May and 13th of August, 1776, and for keeping a continental horse, the sum of 537 dollars and sixty ninetieths:

To captain John Thacher, for the pay of his independant company, in the service of the United States, at New-York, under general Lee, 405 dollars and nine ninetieths:

To George Haas, for conveying money to Albany, 21 days, at 2 dollars, and expences of himself, horse-hire and ferriages, 100 dollars and seventy-one ninetieths, and for carriage of captain's

Gamble's baggage from Philadelphia to Reading, 16 dollars; the whole 116 dollars and seventy-one ninetieths:

To Robert Jewell, 333 dollars and sixty-two ninetieths, viz. for his account for entertaining prisoners in gaol, from the 23d of July to the 20th of August inclusive, 234 dollars and sixty ninetieths; for his account for entertaining ten deserters, from the 23d of July to the 20th of August, 42 dollars and eighty-five ninetieths, and his account for making three pine tables, two pine desks, a book-case, sign-board, &c. for treasury board, 61 dollars and sixty-nine ninetieths:

To William Clayton, for 303 meals of victuals supplied the militia on their march to New-Jersey, 30 dollars and twenty-seven ninetieths:

To Thomas Cheefman, for carriage of 32cwt. 1lb. 3qrs. salt-petre, from Egg-harbour to Cooper's ferry, opposite to Philadelphia, 22 dollars and fifty-two ninetieths:

*Ordered*, That the said accounts be paid.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

SATURDAY, *August 31*, 1776.

A letter of the 25th, from major general Schuyler at Albany, was laid before Congress and read.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday.

MONDAY, *September 2*, 1776.

A letter of the 31st of August, from general Washington, inclosing the determination of a council of war, and the reasons for quitting Long-Island, and a copy of a letter from lord Stirling:

Also, one of the 23d from general Gates, with sundry papers inclosed; one from sundry field officers in the army at Ticonderoga, dated the 19th of August, with the proceedings between a court martial and brigadier general Arnold:

Also, a letter of the 23d from captain John Nelson, and one from Benjamin Harrison, jun. deputy pay-master general, with his weekly account, were read and referred to the board of war.

Congress being informed, that general Sullivan was come to Philadelphia, with a design to communicate a message from lord Howe:

*Ordered*, That he be admitted and heard before Congress.

A petition from Michael Fitzgerald; one from John Weitzel, and one from James Paul Covert, were read, and referred to the board of war.

A petition from Peter Diethery was read, and referred to the medical committee.

A letter from William Baufman, of Lancaster, was read; whereupon,

*Resolved*,



*Resolved*, That an order for 1333 dollars and one-third be drawn on the treasurer, in favour of the committee of Lancaster, for defraying the expence of the barracks ordered to be built in that borough; the said committee to be accountable.

*Resolved*, That an order for 4577 dollars and sixty-three nine-tieths be drawn on the treasurer, in favour of Francis Lewis, Esq; and charged to the account of Jonathan Trumbull, deputy pay-master general; the same being for so much paid by Mr. Lewis's order to the said J. Trumbull.

A memorial from Francis Guillot was read, and referred to the marine committee.

The committee, to whom was re-committed the report for ascertaining the value of the several species of gold and silver coins current in these states, and the proportion they and each of them ought to bear to Spanish milled dollars, brought in their report, which was read:

Ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from the officers of the 1st and 2d Virginia battalion was read, and referred to the board of war.

*Resolved*, That an order for 30,000 dollars be drawn on the treasurer, in favour of J. Mease, for the public service; he to be accountable.

General Sullivan being admitted, delivered a verbal message he had in charge from lord Howe, which he was desired to reduce to writing, and then withdrew.

*Resolved*, That an order for 120,000 dollars be drawn on the treasurer, in favour of the delegates of Rhode-Island, and charged to the account of that state, to be accounted for.

Congress being informed that Donald McDonald, who was sent to this city from North-Carolina, is considered by lord Howe as a brigadier general in the service of his Britannic majesty:

*Resolved*, That he be admitted to his parole, and liberated upon signing the form prescribed by Congress.

A petition from Anthony Mosengill was read, and referred to the assembly of the state of New-Jersey.

*Resolved*, That the board of war be directed to prepare and bring in a plan of military operations for the next campaign.

*Resolved*, That the continental agents be empowered to inspect or appoint some suitable person or persons, to inspect all gunpowder manufactured or purchased in or imported into the respective states, wherein they reside, on account of the United States; except in those states where an inspector is appointed by Congress.

The committee of treasury reported, that there is due,

To Robert Erwin, waggon-master, for the hire of waggons going to Egg-harbour for powder, viz. Adam Weaver, Joseph Champeney, Michael Grossman, Israel Fry, Jacob Hindman and George Raser, one trip each, and David Boxe, William Park  
and

and Alexander Miller, two trips each, making twelve trips, allowing five days to each, at 4 dollars a day, 240 dollars:

To captain James Sterling, 664 dollars and fourteen ninetieths, being the balance of his account for the expence of a guard appointed to convey a number of British prisoners from Burlington to Lancaster, and Frederick county in Maryland, with waggon and horse-hire, amounting to 1464 dollars and fourteen ninetieths, of which sum he received from the committee of safety of Pennsylvania; and for which they are to be credited, July 16th, 1776, 100 dollars; July 17th, 1776, 700 dollars, and there remains 664 dollars and fourteen ninetieths:

*Ordered*, That the above accounts be paid.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, *September 3, 1776.*

A memorial from colonel Moses Hazen was read, and referred to the committee appointed to enquire into the causes of the mis-carriages in Canada.

General Sullivan having reduced to writing the verbal message from lord Howe, the same was read as follows:

“ The following is the purport of the message from lord Howe to Congress, by general Sullivan:

That, though he could not at present treat with Congress as such, yet he was very desirous of having a conference with some of the members, whom he would consider for the present only as private gentlemen, and meet them himself as such, at such place as they should appoint:

That he, in conjunction with general Howe, had full powers to compromise the dispute between Great-Britain and America upon terms advantageous to both; the obtaining of which delayed him near two months in England, and prevented his arrival at this place before the declaration of Independancy took place:

That he wished a compact might be settled at this time, when no decisive blow was struck, and neither party could say, that they were compelled to enter into such agreement:

That, in case Congress were disposed to treat, many things, which they had not as yet asked, might and ought to be granted them; and that, if upon the conference, they found any probable ground of an accommodation, the authority of Congress must be afterwards acknowledged, otherwise the compact would not be compleat.”

The board of war brought in a report, which was read:

*Resolved*, That the part of the said report, which relates to the establishing a post between Philadelphia and Ticonderoga, be referred to the committee for regulating the post-office, and that the remainder of the report lie on the table:

That

That two members be added to the said committee :

The members chosen, Mr. Hooper and Mr. Huntington.

Congress proceeded to the election of a regimental paymaster to colonel Magaw's battalion, and the ballots being taken,

John Mifflin, brother to brigadier-general Mifflin, was elected.

*Resolved*, That Jeduthun Baldwin, Esq; be appointed an engineer in the continental army, with the rank of colonel, and pay of 60 dollars a month.

A letter from a number of officers who are prisoners at Carlisle was read, complaining of some ill treatment they have received, and of their baggage having been plundered, contrary to the capitulation, upon which they surrendered.

General Wooster who happened to be in the outer room being examined touching the facts stated in the said letter ;

*Resolved*, That a letter be written to general Schuyler directing him to make particular enquiry whether the baggage of the officers taken at St. Johns and Chamblee was plundered and by whom and report to Congress :

That the secretary of the board of war be directed to inform the officers that inquiry has been made of general Wooster, to whom they refer, respecting the plunder of their baggage, and that he says he knows nothing of the matter, and that no information or complaint was ever made to him respecting that matter : And farther to inform them that Congress have given orders to general Schuyler to cause strict inquiry to be made into this affair, and report thereon.

A letter of the 2d from general Washington, and one from Wm. Palfrey, paymaster general, were read.

*Resolved*, That the letter from general Washington be referred to a committee of the whole Congress :

Congress then resolved itself into a committee of the whole, and after some time the president resumed the chair, and Mr. Nelson reported, that the committee have had under consideration the letter to them referred, and have come to fundry resolutions, which he was ordered to report.

The resolutions from the committee of the whole, being severally read, were agreed to, as follows :

*Resolved*, That general Washington be acquainted that Congress would have especial care taken, in case he should find it necessary to quit New-York, that no damage be done to the said city by his troops, on their leaving it: The Congress having no doubt of being able to recover the same, though the enemy should for a time obtain possession of it.

*Resolved*, That three more battalions be ordered from Virginia, of which that commanded by colonel Stephen to be one, to reinforce the army at New-York :

That

That for the same purpose two of the North-Carolina battalions be ordered to march with all possible expedition to New-York, under the command of brigadier-general Moore :

That it be recommended to the assemblies and conventions of the several states to the northward of Virginia, immediately to send all the aid in their power to the army at New-York :

That one of the continental battalions in Rhode-Island be ordered immediately to march, to reinforce the army at New-York :

That it be recommended to the assembly of Massachusetts-Bay, to send to Rhode-Island a battalion of their militia, to supply the place of the continental battalion ordered from thence.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed :

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, *September 4, 1776.*

*Resolved*, That Mr. J. Mease be directed to pay the Virginia battalion now on their march to New-York, one month's pay, and to supply them with such necessary cloathing as they may stand in need of.

*Resolved*, That another brigadier-general be appointed in the continental army :

The ballots being taken, colonel Adam Stephen was unanimously elected.

*Resolved*, That the board of war be directed to call in the several recruiting parties of the German battalion, and to have them formed and armed with all possible expedition, and forwarded to New-York, taking measures, and giving proper directions to have the battalion recruited to the full complement as soon as the same can conveniently be done.

*Resolved*, That the proposal made by general Howe, as delivered by general Sullivan, of exchanging general Sullivan for general Prescott, and lord Stirling for brigadier-general McDonald be complied with.

Mr. J. Mease having in consequence of the resolution of the 30th August, made a report, that he cannot find there is any cloth in this city fit for making tents, except a parcel of light sail cloth, which is in the hands of the marine committee :

*Resolved*, That the marine committee be directed to deliver to Mr. J. Mease all the light sail cloth in their possession : And that Mr. Mease be directed to have the same made into tents as soon as possible, and forwarded to general Washington :

That the secret committee be directed to write to the continental agents in the eastern states, desiring them to purchase all the duck and other cloth fit for tents which they can procure in their respective states, for the use of the continent.

Congress took into consideration the report of the board of war, and after some time spent thereon,

*Resolved*,



*Resolved*, That the farther consideration thereof be postponed till to-morrow.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed :  
Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY. *September 5, 1776.*

A petition from John Shott was read and referred to the board of war.

Two petitions from the owners of the privateers Lee and Putnam were read, and referred to the marine committee.

A memorial from Jeremiah Halsey was read and referred to the board of war.

*Resolved*, That general Prescott, and brigadier general M'Donald be sent by the board of war, under an escort to general Washington, to be exchanged for general Sullivan and lord Stirling.

*Resolved*, That the marine committee be directed to deliver Mr. Hewes 400 three pound shot for the use of the continental troops in North-Carolina.

Two soldiers having escaped from Quebec, and applied to Congress for their pay.

*Resolved*, That they be referred to the board of treasury.

A memorial from captain John Doyle was presented to Congress and read, setting forth that in consequence of the resolution passed the 16th of July last, he has enlisted 80 men, whereof about 60 have passed muster, as appears by the roll produced, and that the other 20 are at Lancaster, and therefore praying that a commission may be granted to him pursuant to the said resolution.

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petition be granted ; and that Samuel Brady be commissioned as first lieutenant, and William Mc. Murray, second lieutenant of the company commanded by captain Doyle.

Congress resumed the consideration of the report of the board of war ; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That general Sullivan be requested to inform lord Howe, that this Congress, being the representatives of the free and independant states of America, cannot with propriety send any of its members, to confer with his lordship in their private characters, but that ever desirous of establishing peace on reasonable terms, they will send a committee of their body to know whether he has any authority to treat with persons authorized by Congress for that purpose in behalf of America, and what that authority is, and to hear such propositions as he shall think fit to make respecting the same :

That the president be desired to write to general Washington, and acquaint him, that it is the opinion of Congress, no proposals for making peace between Great-Britain and the United

States

States of America, ought to be received or attended to, unless the same be made in writing and addressed to the representatives of the said states in Congress, or persons authorized by them: And if application be made to him by any of the commanders of the British forces on that subject, that he inform them, that these United States, who entered into the war only for the defence of their lives and liberties, will cheerfully agree to peace on reasonable terms, whenever such shall be proposed to them in manner aforesaid.

*Resolved,* That a copy of the first of the two foregoing resolutions, be delivered to general Sullivan, and that he be directed to repair immediately to lord Howe.

*Resolved,* That to-morrow be assigned for electing the committee:

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, September 6, 1776.

*Resolved,* That general Sullivan be requested to deliver to lord Howe, the copy of the resolution given to him.

*Resolved,* That the committee "to be sent to know whether lord Howe has any authority to treat with persons authorized by Congress for that purpose in behalf of America, and what that authority is, and to hear such propositions as he shall think fit to make respecting the same", consist of three:

Congress then proceeded to the election, and the ballots being taken, Mr. Franklin, Mr. J. Adams, and Mr. Rutledge were elected.

A letter of the 4th from general Washington with sundry papers inclosed,—

One of the 29th August from general Schuyler:

Four of the 18th, 20th, 26th, and 27th of the same month, from general Gates, with a return of the army at Ticonderoga, and other papers:

One of the 4th from brigadier-general Mercer, and

One of the 28th from colonel Maxwell inclosing a memorial from Jacobus Wyncoop were read.

*Resolved,* That the memorial from Jacobus Wyncoop be referred to the marine committee, and that the other letters and papers be referred to the board of war.

*Resolved,* That an order for 2794 dollars and fifteen ninetieths be drawn on the treasurer, in favour of George Morgan, Esq; agent for indian affairs in the middle department, he to be accountable:

That Mr. Morgan be supplied with a copy of the resolutions of Congress, relative to indian affairs in the middle department, and a copy of the treaty held with the indians at the German Flats:

*Resolved,*

*Resolved*, That the secret committee be directed to deliver to captain Sherer 6 lb. of powder, and 24 lb. of lead for the use of two companies of riflemen, to prove their rifles.

A memorial from George Nicholson with an account, was read, and referred to the board of treasury.

A letter from captain William Jenkins was read, praying for leave, on account of his family affairs, to resign his commission:

*Resolved*, That leave be granted.

The board of war brought in a report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That John Paul Shott, who is well recommended as an experienced officer, be appointed a captain in the continental army, with directions to raise a company as soon as possible; but as he may be usefully employed immediately, that he be forthwith sent to general Washington at New-York, and that a month's pay be advanced to him.

*Resolved*, That the farther consideration of the report be referred till to-morrow.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

SATURDAY, September 7, 1776.

A letter of the 16th of August from the indian commissioners at Pittsburg, inclosing a memorial from Alexander Rofs was read, and referred to the committee on indian affairs:

Also a letter of the 6th from R. Dallam was read; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That an order for 1173 dollars and thirty ninetieths be drawn on the treasurer, in favour of colonel Charles Read, and charged to the account of Richard Dallam, deputy-pay-master-general, it being in full of a draught in his favour of the 6th inst. by the said R. Dallam:

That 200,000 dollars be sent to R. Dallam, deputy-paymaster general for the use of the flying camp, and militia,—he to be accountable.

A letter of the 5th from Charles Preston, major of the 26th regiment, a prisoner, was read and referred to the board of war.

A letter and memorial of the 29th of August from William Wild was read, and referred to the convention of Pennsylvania.

The state of Virginia, having on the 23d of July last, appointed William Brady, captain; William Pyle, first lieutenant; and Christopher Brady, second lieutenant in the battalion to be commanded by colonel Hugh Stevenson, and Amos Thompson to be chaplain to the said battalion:

*Resolved*, That commissions be granted to them accordingly.

Congress proceeded to the election of an adjutant for the battalion ordered to be raised in Westmoreland county, and the ballots being taken,

Michael Hoofnagel was elected.

A petition from Charles Roberts, master of the schooner Thistle, was presented to Congress and read.

*Resolved*, That Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Stockton, Mr. Stone, Mr. F. L. Lee, Mr. Penn and Mr. Walton, be appointed members of the committee on the cause of the miscarriages in Canada, in the room of those who are absent.

*Resolved*, That two members, be added to the committee appointed on the 24th of July last, to consider the proposal made by the president of South-Carolina, respecting general Lee, in the room of those who are absent:

The members chosen, Mr. R. H. Lee and Mr. Walton.

*Resolved*, That an order for sixteen hundred dollars be drawn on the treasurer, in favour of David S. Franks; for which he is to account on the settlement of his accounts.

The state of Rhode-Island having recommended sundry gentlemen for field officers of the two battalions raised in that state, Congress proceeded to the election; when William Richmond and Christopher Lippit were elected colonels; Caleb Gardner and Adam Comstock, lieutenant colonels; Benjamin Tallman and James Tew, majors.

*Resolved*, That the battalion commanded by colonel Lippit be ordered to New-York, unless that commanded by colonel Richmond has already marched.

*Resolved*, That Mr. J. Mease be directed to deliver to the delegates of Maryland three peices of coarse cloths for the use of the Maryland troops; the said delegates to be accountable.

*Resolved*, That Mr. Risberg, assistant to colonel Biddle, be directed to take proper measures for providing the sick soldiers in Philadelphia, with proper lodgings and attendance.

A letter from brigadier general McDonald to the board of war was read; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That he be allowed four days to prepare for his journey:

That a copy of that part of his letter, respecting his treatment in North-Carolina, be sent to the convention of that state.

*Resolved*, That a copy of the resolutions passed by Congress on the message brought by general Sullivan, and the names of the committee appointed, be sent to general Washington.

The committee of treasury reported, that there is due,

To Richard Welsh, for his services as clerk, for delivering stores and provisions in Canada, certified by Henry Menfon, in which service he entered the 24th of April, and was discharged the 7th of June, 1776, at fifty-ninetieths of a dollar per day, 25 dollars:

To Casper Carver, for the hire of a team from York-town in Pennsylvania to Williamsburg in Virginia, 16 days, at 4 dollars a day, 64 dollars, and for ferriages, 6 dollars and six ninetieths, and for the hire of another team from York-town, with captain Grier's company,



company, 14 days, at 4 dollars a day, and for ferriage, 3 dollars and fifty-four ninetieths; the whole being 129 dollars and sixty ninetieths:

To John Sparhawk, for two maps, a court calendar, &c. for the war office, as per R. Peters's certificate, 10 dollars and sixty ninetieths:

To John Bates, for 200 camp-kettles delivered to C. Biddle, D. Q. M. G. the second instant, 266 dollars and sixty ninetieths:

To the following persons, for which a warrant is to be drawn in favour of Monf. Rouville, for the sum of 788 dollars and ten ninetieths, the amount of his six accounts, viz.

1. To hostages sent by general Schuyler to Reading in Pennsylvania, namely, Allen M'Donald, sen. Allen M'Donald, jun. Alexander M'Donald, Rennel M'Donnel and Archibald M'Donald, their allowance from the 4th of June to the 3d of September, both days inclusive, is 13 weeks, at 2 dollars each, is, for the five, 130 dollars, and for Angus M'Donald and George M'Donald, two servants, 13 weeks each, at one dollar a week, 26 dollars; of which they have received from the committee of Reading, 27 dollars and three ninetieths; the balance is 128 dollars and eighty-seven ninetieths:

2. To lieutenant Simon Evans, a prisoner sent from Canada to Reading, for expences from Montreal to Albany, 12 dollars, and allowance from the 10th of February to the 23d of August inclusive, is 28 weeks, at 2 dollars a week, 56 dollars; the whole, 68 dollars; of which he received from the committee of Esopus, for 13 weeks allowance, 26 dollars; leaves a balance due to lieutenant Evans, of 42 dollars:

3. To captain Anstruther of the 26th regiment, for his allowance from the 18th of November to the 23d of August, both days inclusive, is 40 weeks, at 2 dollars a week, 80 dollars:

4. To Marcus Lucullus Royal, master of the Gaspee, taken the 19th of November, in the river St. Lawrence, for his allowance to the 22d of August, is 39 weeks and four sevenths, at 2 dollars a week, 79 dollars and thirteen ninetieths; of which he has received from the committee of Esopus, 44 dollars; the balance due to him is 35 dollars and thirteen ninetieths:

5. To the Canadian prisoners at Bristol, viz. Monf. St. Ours Hervieux, Heurimont, de Chambault and la Marque, from the 3d of November, the time they were taken, to the 30th of August inclusive, 43 weeks each, at 2 dollars, 430 dollars:

6. To George M'Kenzie, mate of the sloop Hunter, taken the 4th of November, to the 25th of August inclusive, is 42 weeks, at 2 dollars, 84 dollars; of which he has received at Albany, 12 dollars; the balance is 72 dollars:

To the following persons, 564 dollars and eighty-five ninetieths, namely, to Adam Drinkhouse, for his team from Philadelphia to Fredericksburg

Fredericksburg in Virginia, 29 days, at 4 dollars, and ferriage 7 dollars, is 123 dollars; to Martin Hausman, Bernard Keppelar and Nathaniel Hoop, who went on the same journey with their teams, each 123 dollars, is 369 dollars; and to Matthias Koop, for the hire of his waggon from Philadelphia to Bergen point, with powder, 9 days, at 4 dollars, and ferriage, 2 dollars and thirty-five ninetieths, is 38 dollars and thirty-five ninetieths; and to Andrew Read, for the hire of his waggon from Philadelphia to New-York with medicines, 8 days, at 4 dollars a day, and ferriage, 2 dollars and fifty ninetieths, is 34 dollars and fifty ninetieths, and that the same ought to be paid to Robert Erwin, waggon-master general:

To Joseph Hewes, Esq; for cash advanced to the guard going with five waggons to North-Carolina, with waggon-hire and casks for powder, 140 dollars and twenty-five ninetieths:

To John Dennis, for escorting powder from Egg-harbour to Philadelphia, by order of the secret committee, 35 dollars and twenty-three ninetieths:

To colonel Jonas Clapham, for 53 rifle-guns bought of him for the use of colonel Stevenson's rifle battalion in Virginia, 896 dollars and fifty-two ninetieths; which sum is to be charged to the said battalion:

*Ordered*, That the above accounts be paid.

Congress resumed the consideration of the report of the board of war; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That all letters to and from the board of war and ordinance, or the secretary of the same, be free of all expence in the post-office of the United States.

The board having reported, that they have considered the petition of Jeremiah Halfey, and perused his written evidence, are of opinion, that the said Halfey ought to receive the arrears of his pay, and that the resolution of Congress, of the 9th of January last, be repealed; as it appears, that the said Halfey was discharged from the service, upon a regular certificate from the surgeon, by the commanding officer at St. John's, on account of sickness, on the 13th day of November last, in pursuance of the order of general Montgomery; the Congress agreed to the said report.

Congress proceeded to fill up the vacancies in the second Pennsylvania battalion, and the ballots being taken,

Joseph Wood, Esq; was elected colonel;

Thomas Craig, Esq; was elected lieutenant-colonel, and

William Butler, Esq; major.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday.

MONDAY, September 9, 1776.

*Resolved*, That four months pay, being 106 dollars and two thirds, be advanced to Monf. la Marquise, captain and engineer in the northern army; he to be accountable. A letter

A letter of the 6th from general Washington, was read and referred to the board of war.

*Resolved*, That 500,000 dollars be sent to the paymaster general, for the use of the army at New-York.

*Resolved*, That a committee of five be appointed to hear the parties on the appeal against the verdict and sentence of condemnation passed against the schooner Thistle and her cargo :

The members chosen, Mr. Stockton, Mr. Huntington, Mr. Paine, Mr. Wilton and Mr. Stone.

*Resolved*, That in all continental commissions and other instruments, where heretofore the words " United Colonies " have been used, the stile be altered for the future to the " United States."

The board of war brought in a report, which was read :

Ordered to lie on the table, to be taken into consideration to-morrow morning.

A memorial from Mons. Pannetier de la Falconniere, was read and referred to the marine committee.

Congress proceeded to the election of a quartermaster for the German battalion, and the ballots being taken,

Frederick Seeger was elected.

*Resolved*, That an order for 136 dollars be drawn on the treasury, in favour of George Meade and Co. and charged to the account of Messrs. Chase and Carroll, it being in full of their bill in favour of John Vienne or order, dated at Montreal, May 28, 1776.

*Resolved*, That Mr. J. Mease be impowered to pay the draughts of capt. John Douglass, for such parts of the monthly pay of the privates in his company as he shall specify, and the same as paid be charged to the account of the said captain.

The committee of treasury reported, that there is due to William Smith, continental druggist, 2490 dollars and thirteen ninetieths :

*Ordered*, That the same be paid.

Three petitions, one from Pierre du Calvert, another from Jacques Pileur, and the third from Andre Pepin, were read, and referred to the board of war.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed :

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

#### TUESDAY, September 10, 1776.

A letter of the 8th from general Washington, with sundry papers inclosed, was read ; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the president inform general Washington, it was by no means the sense of Congress, in their resolve of the 3d instant, respecting New-York, that the army, or any part of it, should remain in that city a moment longer than he shall think it proper for the public service that troops be continued there :

That the letter from the general be referred to the board of war.

A letter of the 31st of August, from the commissioners of indian affairs



affairs at Pittsburg, was read and referred to the standing committee for indian affairs.

*Resolved*, That Mr. J. Mease be directed to supply captain West of the Virginia riflemen, with 40 blankets.

A petition from Jean Longeay, and two from Seth Warner with sundry papers inclosed, were read.

*Resolved*, That the petitions from colonel Warner, with the papers inclosed, be referred to the commissioners appointed to audit and settle the accounts of the army in the northern department.

A letter of the 8th, from M. Tilghman, was read.

Congress took into consideration the report of the board of war, and after some debate thereon,

*Resolved*, That this Congress will to-morrow resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the said report.

*Resolved*, That Mr. J. Mease be directed to supply the delegates of Maryland, with 40 blankets for the use of the troops from that state.

*Resolved*, That 4000 dollars be sent to Zebulon Butler, Esq; for the use of the two companies ordered to be raised in the town of Westmoreland; he to be accountable for the same, and that the money be delivered to and forwarded by the Connecticut delegates:

That major William Judd be authorized to muster the said companies.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, September 11, 1776.

*Resolved*, That an order for 60,000 dollars be drawn on the treasurer, in favour of Mr. J. Mease, commissary for the public service; he to be accountable.

A letter of the 7th from Joseph Trumbull, Esq; commissary general, with sundry papers inclosed, was read:

*Resolved*, That it be referred to a committee of three, and that they be directed and empowered to enquire into the conduct of Mr. Livingston, deputy commissary general in the northern department:

The members chosen, Mr. Lee, Mr. Hooper and Mr. Sherman.

*Resolved*, That Mr. J. Mease, commissary, be directed to provide cloathing and other necessaries, for the first Virginia battalion now on their march to New-York.

A memorial from Stephen Pater de la Cossade was read, and referred to the marine committee:

Also, a memorial from Seth Warner, and one from captains Wait Hopkins and Gideon Brownson, of colonel Warner's battalion, were read, and referred to the board of war.

*Resolved*, That a member be added to the board of war, in the room of colonel Harrison:

The member chosen, Mr. F. L. Lee.

Congress



Congress resolved itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the report of the board of war, and after some time, the president resumed the chair, and Mr. Nelson reported, that the committee have taken into consideration the matter to them referred, and made some amendments therein, but not having had time to go through the whole, desired leave to sit again.

*Resolved*, That this Congress will to-morrow resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the report of the board of war.

The matters to this day referred, being postponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, *September 12, 1776.*

A letter of the 31st of August, from Joseph Wentworth to the secretary of Congress, with an appeal from the verdict and sentence passed on the trial of the brigantine named the Elizabeth, was laid before Congress and read.

The committee for indian affairs, to whom the letter of the 31st of August, from the commissioners in the middle department, was referred, brought in a report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That two tons of powder and four tons of lead be immediately sent to Pittsburg; to be disposed of as the commissioners shall direct:

That the resolution of Congress, respecting the destination of the battalion commanded by colonel M'Coy, be suspended, and that the commissioners for indian affairs in the middle department be impowered, during their stay at Pittsburg, to direct the operations of that battalion:

That the measures adopted by the commissioners, in the present critical situation of indian affairs, is approved of by Congress, who have the greatest confidence in the prudence and vigilance of their future conduct.

*Resolved*, That an order for 7000 dollars be drawn on the treasurer, in favour of colonel M'Coy, for the use of his battalion; he to be accountable.

*Resolved*, That application be made to the committee of Pennsylvania for 10,000 flints, to be delivered to George Morgan, Esq;

The committee to whom the letter from Joseph Trumbull, Esq; with the papers inclosed, was referred, reported,

“ That having considered the same, and recurring to the journal of Congress, on Mr. Trumbull's appointment to the commissariate, find the following resolve on the 8th of July, 1776: “ That the commissary general have full power to supply both armies, that upon the lakes as well as that at New-York, and also to appoint and employ such persons under him, and to remove any deputy commissary, as he shall judge proper and expedient; it being absolutely

olutely necessary, that the supply of both armies should be under one direction;"—whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the above resolution is so clear and explicit, and so well contrived to procure the due and proper discharge of the commissary's business, that the same ought to be adhered to, and immediately transmitted to the commanding officer in the northern department, and to the commissary general, as the full sense of Congress, on the commissary general's right to direct the operations of his department, both as contractor and issuer of provisions; and that Mr. Trumbull be informed, Congress expect this will remove his difficulties, and induce his continuance in the office of commissary for both armies, at New-York and on the lakes.

Congress then proceeded to the election of fundry officers, and the ballots being taken,

David M'Clure was elected chaplain, and Ephraim Douglass, quarter-master of the battalion commanded by colonel M'Coy.

John Trumbull, Esq; was elected deputy adjutant general of the army in the northern department, and Morgan Lewis, Esq; deputy quarter-master general of the said army.

*Resolved*, That the board of war be directed to order the French officers, who have received commissions from Congress, to repair immediately to the places of their destination.

*Resolved*, That Mr. J. Mease be directed to pay the first battalion of Virginia troops, on their march to New-York, the arrears due to them.

The committee of treasury, to whom the petition of George Nicholson was referred, returned the same, and reported, that it ought to be referred to the board of war:

*Resolved*, That the said petition be referred to the board of war.

The board of war brought in a report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon,

*Resolved*, As it appears from colonel Warner's representation of the state of his regiment, that major Painter's appointment much obstructs the raising the said regiment, that, therefore, major Painter be directed to repair to the city of Philadelphia, that the matter may be enquired into, and that it be recommended to col. Warner and the other officers, that they forthwith proceed to raise their men and complete the regiment, relying on the justice of Congress for the settlement of the uneasiness among them:

That the militia at New-York be paid by the pay-master general there, before discharged.

*Resolved*, That the remainder of the report be re-committed.

Congress resolved itself into a committee of the whole, to take into their farther consideration the report of the board of war, and after some time, the president resumed the chair, and Mr. Nelson reported, that the committee have had under consideration the matter to them referred, but not having come to a conclusion, desire leave to sit again.

*Resolved*,

*Resolved*, That this Congress will to-morrow resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the report of the board of war.

*Resolved*, That Mr. J. Mease be directed to deliver such a number of blankets as he has, belonging to the continent, to captain Watkins for the use of his company which is enlisted to serve during the war, not exceeding one to each man.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, *September 13, 1776.*

Two letters of the 7th and 11th from general Washington,  
One of the 8th from general Green, and

A resolution of the committee of safety of Pennsylvania of the 13th were read, and referred to the board of war.

The committee appointed to confer with lord Howe having returned, made a verbal report.

*Ordered*, That they make a report in writing as soon as conveniently they can.

The committee of the treasury reported that there is due,

To Peter Baker for 1149 rations supplied colonel Peter Grubb's battalion of militia, and 204 meals to different companies of militia, on their march to New-Jersey, 123 dollars and nineteen ninetieths:

To John Bates for 266 camp kettles delivered to Gustavus Rifberg, assistant to the deputy quarter master general, for the flying camp, 354 dollars and sixty ninetieths:

To Richard Cheney for 291 meals supplied the militia on their march to New-Jersey, 29 dollars and nine ninetieths:

To Charles Ford for 10 weeks board, lodging, and washing for William Whiting, a wounded serjeant, from 8th June to 17th August, 10 weeks, at 1 dollar and one third per week, 13 dollars and thirty ninetieths:

To major Regonville, captain Duchene, lieutenant Smith, and lieutenant Demuraux, canadian prisoners, for their allowance from 3d November 1775 to 6th September 1776 inclusive, is 44 weeks, at 2 dollars a week, 352 dollars, and that the same be paid to Monfr. Regonville:

To Robert Towers for artillery stores for 2 three pound travelling cannon ordered by Joseph Hewes, Esq; for the state of North-Carolina, 72 dollars and sixty four ninetieths:

To Graaf, McClenachan, Hollingsworth, and Grigson, for which a warrant is to be drawn in favour of the honourable Thomas Lynch, Esq; for their expences to and from Williamsburg with the hire of a waggon, with money for South-Carolina; 267 dollars and thirty-two ninetieths:

To Joseph Beck going exprefs from Philadelphia to Virginia 340 miles, at one sixth of a dollar, 56 dollars:

To Michael Millenberger for five days use of his two horse wag-gons, in transporting the sick troops in New-Jersey, of captain Brown's company, 13 dollars and thirty ninetieths :

To Frederick Bicking for 221 reams of paper for continental currency, at 6 dollars and eighty-four ninetieths a ream, 1532 dollars and twenty-four ninetieths :

To William Clayton for 338 meals of victuals supplied the militia on their march to New-Jersey, 32 dollars and seventy-two ninetieths :

*Ordered*, That the said accounts be paid.

Two letters of the 8th from general Schuyler with sundry papers inclosed ; one of the 7th from Walter Livingston, and one of the 12th of August from brigadier-general Armstrong were read :

*Ordered*, That the foregoing letters with the papers inclosed in that from general Schuyler, except what relates to general Montgomery's accounts, be referred to the board of war, and that the papers relative to the said accounts, be referred to the board of treasury.

Congress then resolved itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration, the report of the board of war, and after some time the president resumed the chair, and Mr. Nelson reported that the committee have had under consideration the matter referred to them, but not having yet come to a conclusion, desired leave to sit again.

*Resolved*, That this Congress will to-morrow resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the report of the board of war.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

SATURDAY, September 14, 1776.

A letter from R. H. Harrison, secretary to general Washington, was read.

Four French officers, who arrived in the Reprisal, captain Weeks, being recommended to Congress,

*Resolved*, That they be referred to the board of war.

The board of war brought in a report which was taken into consideration ; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the officers of militia, when on their march, and while in service, be allowed rations like the officers on the continental establishment, without any allowance of mileage:

That the commander in chief in the northern army be directed to erect barracks and other accommodations in the most convenient places in that department, and provide magazines of straw, fuel and other necessaries for winter-quarters for such number of troops, as he shall think proper :

That



That general Schuyler be informed that his letter of the 16th of last month was duly received, and referred to the committee appointed to inquire into the causes of the miscarriages in Canada :

That captain Martindale and lieutenant Turner be allowed their pay and rations to this time, and that they be referred to the treasury board for a settlement of their accounts :

That fifteen tons of powder, twenty thousand flints, ten tons of lead, and one hundred reams of cartridge paper be immediately sent to general Gates for the use of the army in the northern department :

That brigadier-general Armstrong have leave to return from South-Carolina to Philadelphia :

That deputy commissary Livingston's resignation be accepted :

That captains Wait Hopkins and Gideon Brownson be referred to the commissioners appointed to audit accounts in the northern department, for a settlement of their accounts :

That all continental troops and militia going home from service restore all continental arms, and other property, and also all ammunition remaining in their possession, at the time of their being about to return. Their pay to be withheld unless they produce certificates from the commissary of stores or quarter master general or their deputies in the department, where such continental troops, or militia shall serve. And if any continental property, or ammunition be carried away by the militia before this resolve, stoppages to be made from such as have not received their pay, and that measures be taken with those, who have been paid, by the councils of safety, or legislatures of each state, for the restoration of such continental property and ammunition.

A memorial from Jonathan Glover was read and referred to the marine committee.

A letter of the 9th from general Lee to the board of war, was laid before Congress and read.

A petition from captains Joseph Gardner, James M<sup>d</sup> Dowell, John M<sup>d</sup> Dowell, Samuel Evans, Ephraim Blackburn, and Stephen Cochran was read.

*Resolved*, That 25000 dollars be advanced to the state of Maryland, which is to be accountable for the same.

The committees of Westmoreland and Bedford having in pursuance of the resolution of Congress of the 15th July recommended Van Swearingan, Moses Carfan, Samuel Miller, James Piggot, Wendal Oury, David Killgore, Eliezer Miers, and Andrew Mann for captains in the regiment commanded by colonel M<sup>c</sup>Coy, and Robert Mosley, John Findley, Matthew Jack, Ezechieel Hickman, Richard Carfan, William M. Greary, James M<sup>d</sup> Dowell, and Thomas Cook, for 1st lieutenants; William Thompson; Alexander Sumrall, James Guthery, Philip Rodgers, Samuel Smith, William Mountz, James Buler, jun. and John Crawford

for 2d lieutenants; Benjamin Neely, Joseph Kerr, John Sims, David Wherry, Devalt Mecklin, Feolty Weaver, John Read, and Aquila White for ensigns, in the said battalion.

*Resolved*, That they be accepted, and that commissions be granted to them accordingly.

Whereas the delegates of South-Carolina have represented that by an arrangement made by Congress on the 18th day of June last, the regiment of artillery and two regiments of riflemen raised in that province, will obtain precedency over a regiment of rangers, though the latter was raised before either of the former, which may be attended with consequences extremely prejudicial to the service; therefore,

*Resolved*, That the said regiment of rangers commanded by colonel William Thompson, do still keep the same station it had in the provincial arrangement, and be intitled to rank in the same way as other regiments in the continental service.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday.

MONDAY, September 16, 1776.

A letter of the 14th from general Washington, one of the 9th from general Schuyler inclosing a copy of one from general Gates, dated the 6th, and one of the 2d from general Gates with sundry papers inclosed were read, and referred to the board of war.

A letter of the 2d from general Schuyler was also read:

*Ordered*, That this be referred to the committee on indian affairs.

There being sundry vacancies in colonel Warner's battalion, Congress proceeded to the election of officers to fill up the same, and the ballots being taken,

John Fasset and M<sup>c</sup>Une were elected captains in the room of John Grant and Jacob Vorborough, who have declined to accept their commissions, on account of their ill state of health;

Joseph Safford, Thomas Ranfon, John Chipman, and Robert Terrence first lieutenants in the room of ——— Dean deceased, Woolbridge and Allen who decline serving, and J. Fasset promoted; Benjamin Hopkins adjutant.

*Resolved*, That there be an addition of three brigadiers-general in the continental army, and that Congress proceed immediately to the choice:

The ballots being taken,

Christopher Gadiden; William Moultrie, and Lachlan M<sup>c</sup>Intosh were elected.

A letter of the 31st of August from brigadier-general Lewis, and one of the 30th of the same month from William Rickman, director of the hospital in the southern department were read:

*Ordered*, That the letter from W. Rickman be referred to the medical committee.

*Resolved*,

*Resolved*, That 50,000 dollars be advanced to the delegates of Georgia, for the use of the continental troops in that state, the said delegates to be accountable.

*Resolved*. That to-morrow be assigned for appointing commissioners, to audit the public accounts in Virginia.

It being represented by the delegates of North-Carolina, that from late accounts it appears, that the situation of affairs in that state is such, as to render it dangerous, if not impracticable to execute the resolution of Congress of the 3d instant, ordering two of the North-Carolina battalions, under the command of brigadier-general Moore, to march to reinforce the army at New-York; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That it be left to the discretion of the council of safety of North-Carolina, to execute or suspend that resolution, according as they shall think it most conducive to the public service, and the safety of their particular state.

Congress then resolved itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the report of the board of war, and after some time, the president resumed the chair, and Mr. Nelson reported, that the committee have had under consideration, the report from the board of war, and have made sundry amendments, which they ordered him to lay before Congress:

Congress then took into consideration the report of the board of war, and the amendments offered by the committee of the whole, and thereupon came to the following resolutions:

That eighty-eight battalions be enlisted as soon as possible, to serve during the present war, and that each state furnish their respective quotas in the following proportions, viz.

New-Hampshire,	3 battalions.
Massachusetts-Bay,	15 do.
Rhode-Island,	2 do.
Connecticut,	8 do.
New-York,	4 do.
New-Jersey,	4 do.
Pennsylvania,	12 do.
Delaware,	1 do.
Maryland,	8 do.
Virginia,	15 do.
North-Carolina,	9 do.
South-Carolina,	6 do.
Georgia,	1 do.

That twenty dollars be given as a bounty to each non-commissioned officer and private soldier, who shall enlist to serve during the present war, unless sooner discharged by Congress:

That Congress make provision for granting lands in the following proportions, to the officers and soldiers who shall so engage in the service, and continue therein to the close of the war, or until discharged

discharged by Congress, and to the representatives of such officers and soldiers, as shall be slain by the enemy.

Such lands to be provided by the United States, and whatever expence shall be necessary to procure such land, the said expence shall be paid and borne by the states in the same proportion as the other expences of the war, viz.

To a colonel	500 Acres.
To a lieutenant-colonel	450
To a major	400
To a captain	300
To a lieutenant	200
To an ensign	150

Each non-commissioned officer and soldier 100.

That the appointment of all officers and filling up vacancies, (except general officers) be left to the governments of the several states, and that every state provide arms, cloathing, and every necessary for its quota of troops, according to the foregoing estimate. The expence of the cloathing to be deducted from the pay of the soldiers as usual:

That all officers be commissioned by Congress:

That it be recommended to the several states, that they take the most speedy and effectual measures for enlisting their several quotas:

That the money to be given for bounties be paid by the paymaster in the department where the soldier shall enlist:

That each soldier receive pay and subsistence from the time of enlistment.

The committee of treasury reported, that there is due,

To Adam Zantzing, for the expence of five light horse escorting money to New-York, and one from thence to Albany, 94 dollars and sixty-four ninetieths:

To John Bates, for 300 camp-kettles delivered to Gustavus Risberg, 400 dollars:

To Philip Baker, for 289 meals of victuals, supplied captains Grier and Nelson's companies of continental troops, 18 dollars and thirty-one ninetieths:

To David Tryon, William Green, Peter Peterson, George Landers and Samuel Bruth, for the hire of their shallops, with continental troops and baggage, from Wilmington to Trenton, 104 dollars:

*Ordered*, That the said accounts be paid.

*Resolved*, That to-morrow be assigned for taking into consideration the articles of war.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY,



TUESDAY, *September 17, 1776.*

A letter of the 23<sup>d</sup> of August, from V. De Coetery Prejent, was read, and referred to the marine committee.

The state of Maryland having recommended Thomas Beale, Esq; to be captain; Peter Conter Hanson, first lieutenant; James Lingar, second lieutenant, and Richard Dorsey, third lieutenant, in colonel Stevenfon's battalion; and Elijah Evans to be a third lieutenant in the said battalion, in the room of Henry Hardman who has resigned:

*Resolved*, That they be accepted, and commissions granted to them accordingly.

The committee appointed to confer with lord Howe, agreeable to the order of Congress, brought in a report in writing, which was read as follows:

“ In obedience to the orders of Congress, we have had a meeting with lord Howe. It was on Wednesday last upon Staten-Island, opposite to Amboy, where his lordship received and entertained us with the utmost politeness.

His lordship opened the conversation by acquainting us, that, tho' he could not treat with us as a committee of Congress, yet, as his powers enabled him to confer and consult with any private gentlemen of influence in the colonies, on the means of restoring peace between the two countries, he was glad of this opportunity of conferring with us on that subject, if we thought ourselves at liberty to enter into a conference with him in that character. We observed to his lordship, that, as our business was to hear, he might consider us in what light he pleased, and communicate to us any propositions he might be authorized to make for the purpose mentioned; but, that we could consider ourselves in no other character than that in which we were placed, by order of Congress. His lordship then entered into a discourse of a considerable length, which contained no explicit proposition of peace, except one, namely, That the colonies should return to their allegiance and obedience to the government of Great-Britain. The rest consisted principally of assurances, that there was an exceeding good disposition in the king and his ministers to make that government easy to us, with intimations, that, in case of our submission, they would cause the offensive acts of Parliament to be revised, and the instructions to governors to be re-considered; that so, if any just causes of complaint were found in the acts, or any errors in government were perceived to have crept into the instructions, they might be amended or withdrawn.

We gave it as our opinion to his lordship, that a return to the domination of Great-Britain was not now to be expected. We mentioned the repeated humble petitions of the colonies to the king and parliament, which had been treated with contempt and answered only by additional injuries; the unexampled patience we  
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had shewn under their tyrannical government, and that it was not till the late act of parliament which denounced war against us, and put us out of the king's protection, that we declared our Independence; that this declaration had been called for by the people of the colonies in general; that every colony had approved of it, when made, and all now considered themselves as Independent States, and were settling or had settled their governments accordingly; so that it was not in the power of Congress to agree for them, that they should return to their former dependant state; that there was no doubt of their inclination to peace, and their willingness to enter into a treaty with Britain, that might be advantageous to both countries; that, though his lordship had at present no power to treat with them as Independent States, he might, if there was the same good disposition in Britain, much sooner obtain fresh powers from thence, for that purpose, than powers could be obtained by Congress, from the several colonies, to consent to a submission.

His lordship then saying, that he was sorry to find, that no accommodation was like to take place, put an end to the conference.

Upon the whole, it did not appear to your committee, that his lordship's commission contained any other authority than that expressed in the act of parliament, namely, that of granting pardons, with such exceptions as the commissioners shall think proper to make, and of declaring America, or any part of it, to be in the king's peace, upon submission: For, as to the power of enquiring into the state of America, which his lordship mentioned to us, and of conferring and consulting with any persons the commissioners might think proper, and representing the result of such conversation to the ministry, who, provided the colonies would subject themselves, might after all, or might not at their pleasure, make any alterations in the former instructions to governors, or propose in parliament any amendment of the acts complained of, we apprehended any expectation from the effect of such a power would have been too uncertain and precarious to be relied on by America, had she still continued in her state of dependance."

*Ordered*, That the foregoing report, and also the message from lord Howe, as delivered by general Sullivan, and the resolution of Congress in consequence thereof, be published by the committee, who brought in the foregoing report.

*Ordered*, That the said committee publish lord Drummond's letters to general Washington, and the general's answers.

Sundry resolutions being moved and seconded, in addition to those passed yesterday, relative to the new army:

After debate,

*Resolved*, That they be referred to the board of war.

A letter of the 10th, from brigadier general Lewis, was read:

Also, a letter from James Forrest was read, and referred to the board of war. Congress

Congress took into consideration the plan of treaties to be proposed to foreign nations, with the amendments agreed to by the committee of the whole, and the same was agreed to.

A letter of the 16th from general Washington was received and read.

*Resolved*, That the consideration of the instructions to be given to the commissioners to foreign states, be postponed till to-morrow.

*Ordered*, That 1066 dollars and two thirds be advanced to Robert Erwin, waggon-master general.

*Resolved*, That the secret committee be directed, after arming the German battalion, to arm the Maryland company on its march to New-York with the remainder, or with as many arms, as shall then be in their possession belonging to the continent.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed :

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, September 18, 1776.

A letter of the 16th from R. Dallam, deputy paymaster general, was read.

The board of war brought in a report, which was taken into consideration ; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That if rations be received by the officers or privates in the continental army in money, they be paid at the rate of eight ninetieths of a dollar per ration :

That Monfr. Jacque Paul Govert have the rank and pay of a captain-lieutenant of artillery in the continental army, and that a commission be given to him accordingly :

That the medical committee send an assortment of proper medicines to the northern army :

That Monfr. de Vermonet have the rank and pay of a major by brevet, he being a gentleman of considerable military abilities :

That the bounty and grants of land offered by Congress, by a resolution of the 16th instant, as an encouragement to the officers and soldiers to engage to serve in the army of the United States during the war, shall extend to all who are, or shall be enlisted for that term ; the bounty of ten dollars, which any of the soldiers have received from the continent, on account of a former enlistment to be reckoned in part payment of the twenty dollars offered by the said resolution :

That no officer in the continental army be allowed to hold more than one commission, or to receive pay but in one capacity at the same time.

*Resolved*, That the remainder of the report be postponed.

*Resolved*, That the board of war be directed to prepare a resolution for enforcing and perfecting discipline in the army.

*Ordered*, That 1564 dollars and forty-five ninetieths be paid in specie to John Bonfield, and charged to the account of brigadier-

general Arnold, the same being in full of brigadier-general Arnold's note of the 11th of May last :

That an order for 1000 dollars be drawn on the treasurer, in favour of the committee appointed to contract for casting cannon, they to be accountable :

That the secret committee furnish the said committee with two barrels of powder for proving cannon.

*Resolved*, That captain M<sup>c</sup>Kinzie, a prisoner in the gaol of Philadelphia, be liberated on his parole, the state of his health requiring air and exercise ; and that he be ordered to Reading in Pennsylvania, there to reside under the same restrictions as other prisoners on their parole.

The committee of treasury brought in a report on the ways and means of raising five millions of dollars, which was read :

Ordered to lie on the table.

Congress took into consideration the instructions to the commissioners, and after debate,

*Resolved*, That the farther consideration thereof be postponed.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed :

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, September 19, 1776.

The board of treasury reported, that they have examined the vouchers brought into their office by Joseph Hewes, Esq; one of the naval committee, by which it appears that the naval committee have expended the sum of 134,333 dollars and twenty-seven ninetieths, in fitting out eight armed vessels.

*Resolved*, That the same be allowed, and passed to the credit of the said committee.

The naval committee having laid before Congress an account of sundry outstanding debts, and of sundry goods by them purchased, and put into the hands of different persons, who have not yet accounted for the same ;

*Resolved*, That the said account be delivered to the marine committee, and that they be directed to take effectual measures to have the said outstanding debts collected and accounts settled.

*Resolved*, That 66 dollars and two thirds be advanced to major le chevalier de Vermonet, he to be accountable :

That major de Vermonet be referred to the board of treasury, for a settlement of his account for rations :

That 100 dollars be advanced to captain William Davies of Virginia, for the use of his company on their march to New-York, he to be accountable.

A petition from captain Woelper was read :

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the delegates of Pennsylvania and Maryland, who are directed to settle the rank of the captains and subalterns in the German battalion, and report to Congress.

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The board of war brought in a report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That Monfr. Marquis de Malmady be appointed to the rank and pay of a major by brevet in the continental army, and receive a commission accordingly :

That Monfr. Jean Louis Imbret, a gentleman well recommended as an engineer, be sent to general Washington to be employed in that capacity, in order to shew his abilities, and that one months pay as a captain be advanced for his expences :

That Monfr. Christian de Colerus be appointed to the rank and pay of a major by brevet, and that his commission be forthwith given him :

That Monfr. Jean Louis de Virnejouz be appointed to the rank and pay of a captain by brevet, and commissioned accordingly :

That the commander in chief of the forces of these states in the several departments, be directed to give positive orders to the brigadier-generals and colonels, and all other officers in their several armies, that the troops under their command may every day be called together, and trained in arms, in order that officers and men may be perfected in the manual exercise and manœuvres, and inured to the most exemplary discipline, and that all officers be assured, that the Congress will consider activity and success, in introducing discipline into the army among the best recommendations for promotion.

The commissioners for settling the public accounts in the northern army, having represented to the board of treasury, that sundry officers in the army holding two commissions had, previous to the time of general Schuyler's receiving the order of Congress not to allow pay to any person for more than one commission, received warrants from the general for payment in their double capacity, and desiring to know whether such accounts are to be allowed :

*Resolved*, That such warrants drawn by general Schuyler previous to the time of his receiving the order of Congress, be allowed by the commissioners :

That, to prevent for the future warrants being drawn by any general in the continental army, in favour of any officer, for more than one commission, the order of Congress be published, that no officer in the continental army is allowed to hold more than one commission, or to receive pay but in one capacity.

The committee of treasury reported, that there is due,

To Henry Brothers, 54 dollars; George Troxell, 64 dollars and seventy-two ninetieths, and Jacob Miller, 60 dollars; the whole amounting to 178 dollars and seventy two ninetieths; to be paid to colonel George Stricker, for the hire of three waggons from Maryland to Philadelphia, with the baggage of two field officers, and two companies belonging to the German battalion :

To the late colonel Caleb Perry, for provisions supplied the militia

militia on their march to New-Jersey, with their ferriage, and the ferriage of baggage-waggons over Schuylkill, 53 dollars; to be paid to John Jacobs:

*Ordered*, That the said accounts be paid.

A memorial from the chevalier Dorre was read:

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the board of war.

The committee for indian affairs brought in a report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That 66 dollars and sixty ninetieths be paid to Jacob Fowler, of the Montauk tribe of indians on Long-Island, for his trouble in going to the Mohawk and Oneida nations of indians, and for his services whilst he remained amongst them:

That the commanding officers of the several posts, on the frontiers of Virginia and Pennsylvania, be desired to give the earliest intelligence they can of every important occurrence they may have notice of, respecting the indians, to the commissioners, or, when they are not in the way, to the agent for indian affairs:

That it be recommended to the inhabitants of the frontiers, and to the officers at all the posts there, to treat the indians, who behave peaceably and inoffensively, with kindness and civility, and not to suffer them to be ill-used or insulted:

That 400 dollars be paid to the agent for indian affairs, in the middle department, for expenditures, and be accounted for by him:

That the orders drawn by the commissioners for indian affairs in the middle department, on the committee for indian affairs, for £ 1104 17 7½, Pennsylvania currency, and for £ 73 0 9, of like money, being 3141 dollars and ten ninetieths, the cost of sundry merchandize bought by the agent for the indians; the former payable to James Heron, and the other to James Heron and James Bavard, be accepted, and that the money be paid by the treasurer of the United States:

That a talk be delivered to the chiefs and warriors of the Shawanese indians, now in Philadelphia, to be communicated by them to their nation, in these words:

“ The United States of America to their brethren, the chiefs and warriors of the Shawanese nation.

We have heard from you by Mr. Morgan, our agent, and are much pleased with your reception of him into your towns, and with your answers to our messages by him. We expect that you and our commissioners will shortly meet in council at Pittsburg, when we hope our old friendship will be renewed, and such a peace established between us, as will last for ever.

Our young brothers, Wenthifficia and Pellawa, have visited their white brethren here in company with Mr. Morgan. They can tell you, that we keep our roads clear of thorns and briars, and open for all our indian brethren, who think proper to visit us. We shall always be pleased to see our brothers, the Shawanese, and our brothers

brothers of every other indian nation. We wish to see some of their wise men at our great council-fire, which we preserve bright and clear for all nations."

As it may be a means of conciliating the friendship of the Canadian indians, or at least of preventing hostilities from them, in some measure, to assist the president of Dartmouth college, in New-Hampshire, in maintaining their youth, who are now there under his tuition, and whom the revenues of the college are not, at this time, sufficient to support; that, for this purpose, 500 dollars be paid to the Rev. Dr. Eleazer Wheelock, president of the said college.

*Resolved*, That the adjutants of regiments, in the continental army, be allowed the pay and rations of captains, and have the rank of first lieutenants.

Congress resumed the consideration of the articles of war, and after some time, the farther consideration thereof was postponed.

*Ordered*, That the secret committee supply the state of New-Jersey with one ton of powder; the said state to be accountable.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, September 20, 1776.

A letter of the 18th from general Washington, and one of the 13th from the general assembly of Massachusetts Bay, inclosing fundry papers, were read.

*Ordered*, That the letter from the assembly of Massachusetts Bay be referred to the marine committee.

In order to prevent the officers and soldiers, who shall be entitled to the lands hereafter to be granted by the resolution of Congress of the 16th, from disposing of the same, during the war:

*Resolved*, That Congress will not grant lands to any person or persons, claiming under the assignment of an officer or soldier.

*Ordered*, That the medical committee forward 300 lb. of Peruvian bark to the southern department, for the use of the troops there.

Congress resumed the consideration of the articles of war, which being debated by paragraphs, were agreed to, as follows:

*Resolved*, That from and after the publication of the following articles, in the respective armies of the United States, the rules and articles by which the said armies have heretofore been governed shall be, and they are hereby repealed.

#### S E C T I O N I.

*Art. 1.* That every officer who shall be retained in the army of the United States, shall, at the time of his acceptance of his commission, subscribe these rules and regulations.

*Art. 2.* It is earnestly recommended to all officers and soldiers diligently to attend divine service: And all officers and soldiers who shall

shall behave indecently or irreverently at any place of divine worship, shall, if commissioned officers, be brought before a general court martial, there to be publicly and severely reprimanded by the president; if non-commissioned officers or soldiers, every person so offending shall for his first offence, forfeit one sixth of a dollar, to be deducted out of his next pay; for the second offence he shall not only forfeit a like sum, but be confined for twenty-four hours; and for every like offence shall suffer and pay in like manner; which money so forfeited shall be applied to the use of the sick soldiers of the troop or company to which the offender belongs.

*Art. 3.* Whatsoever non-commissioned officer or soldier shall use any prophane oath or execration, shall incur the penalties expressed in the foregoing article; and if a commissioned officer be thus guilty of prophane cursing or swearing, he shall forfeit and pay for each and every such offence two thirds of a dollar.

*Art. 4.* Every chaplain who is commissioned to a regiment, company, troop or garrison, and shall absent himself from the said regiment, company, troop or garrison, (excepting in case of sickness or leave of absence) shall be brought to a court martial, and be fined not exceeding one month's pay, besides the loss of his pay during his absence, or be discharged, as the said court martial shall judge most proper.

## SECTION II.

*Art. 1.* Whatsoever officer or soldier shall presume to use traitorous or disrespectful words against the authority of the United States in Congress assembled, or the legislature of any of the United States in which he may be quartered, if a commissioned officer he shall be cashiered; if a non-commissioned officer or soldier he shall suffer such punishment as shall be inflicted upon him by the sentence of a court martial.

*Art. 2.* Any officer or soldier who shall behave himself with contempt or disrespect towards the general, or other commander in chief of the forces of the United States, or shall speak words tending to his hurt or dishonour, shall be punished according to the nature of his offence, by the judgment of a court martial.

*Art. 3.* Any officer or soldier who shall begin, excite, cause or join in any mutiny or sedition in the troop, company or regiment to which he belongs, or in any other troop or company in the service of the United States, or in any party, post, detachment, or guard, on any pretence whatsoever, shall suffer death, or such other punishment as by a court martial shall be inflicted.

*Art. 4.* Any officer, non-commissioned officer or soldier, who being present at any mutiny or sedition, does not use his utmost endeavour to suppress the same, or coming to the knowledge of any intended mutiny, does not without delay give information thereof to his commanding officer, shall be punished by a court martial with death, or otherwise, according to the nature of the offence.

*Art. 5.*



*Art. 5.* Any officer or soldier who shall strike his superior officer, or draw, or shall lift up any weapon, or offer any violence against him, being in the execution of his office, on any pretence whatsoever, or shall disobey any lawful command of his superior officer, shall suffer death, or such other punishment as shall, according to the nature of his offence, be inflicted upon him by the sentence of a court martial.

## SECTION III.

*Art. 1.* Every non-commissioned officer and soldier, who shall enlist himself in the service of the United States, shall at the time of his so enlisting, or within six days afterwards, have the articles for the government of the forces of the United States read to him, and shall, by the officer who enlisted him, or by the commanding officer of the troop or company into which he was enlisted, be taken before the next justice of the peace, or chief magistrate of any city or town corporate, not being an officer of the army, or where recourse cannot be had to the civil magistrate, before the judge advocate, and in his presence shall take the following oath, or affirmation, if conscientiously scrupulous about taking an oath.

*I swear or affirm [as the case may be] to be true to the United States of America, and to serve them honestly and faithfully against all their enemies or opposers whatsoever; and to observe and obey the orders of the Continental Congress, and the orders of the generals and officers set over me by them.*

Which justice or magistrate is to give the officer a certificate, signifying that the man enlisted did take the said oath or affirmation.

*Art. 2.* After a non-commissioned officer or soldier shall have been duly enlisted and sworn, he shall not be dismissed the service without a discharge in writing; and no discharge granted to him shall be allowed of as sufficient, which is not signed by a field officer of the regiment into which he was enlisted, or commanding officer, where no field officer of the regiment is in the same state.

## SECTION IV.

*Art. 1.* Every officer commanding a regiment, troop or company, shall, upon the notice given to him by the commissary of musters, or from one of his deputies, assemble the regiment, troop or company under his command, in the next convenient place for their being mustered.

*Art. 2.* Every colonel, or other field officer commanding the regiment, troop or company, and actually residing with it, may give furloughs to non-commissioned officers and soldiers, in such numbers and for so long a time as he shall judge to be most consistent with the good of the service; but no non-commissioned officer or soldier shall by leave of his captain, or inferior officer commanding the troop or company (his field officer not being present) be absent above twenty days in six months, nor shall more than two private men be absent at the same time from their troop or company,

pany, excepting some extraordinary occasion shall require it, of which occasion the field officer present with, and commanding the regiment is to be the judge.

*Art. 3.* At every muster the commanding officer of each regiment, troop or company there present shall give to the commissary certificates signed by himself, signifying how long such officers, who shall not appear at the said muster, have been absent, and the reason of their absence; in like manner the commanding officer of every troop or company shall give certificates, signifying the reasons of the absence of the non-commissioned officers and private soldiers; which reasons and time of absence shall be inserted in the muster rolls opposite to the names of the respective absent officers and soldiers: The said certificates shall, together with the muster rolls, be remitted by the commissary to the Congress as speedily as the distance of place will admit.

*Art. 4.* Every officer who shall be convicted before a general court-martial of having signed a false certificate, relating to the absence of either officer or private soldier, shall be cashiered.

*Art. 5.* Every officer who shall knowingly make a false muster of man or horse, and every officer or commissary who shall willingly sign, direct, or allow the signing of the muster rolls, wherein such false muster is contained, shall upon proof made thereof by two witnesses before a general court martial, be cashiered, and shall be thereby utterly disabled to have or hold any office or employment in the service of the United States.

*Art. 6.* Any commissary who shall be convicted of having taken money or any other thing by way of gratification on the mustering any regiment, troop or company, or on the signing the muster rolls, shall be displaced from his office, and shall be thereby utterly disabled to have or hold any office or employment under the United States.

*Art. 7.* Any officer who shall presume to muster any person as a soldier who is at other times accustomed to wear a livery, or who does not actually do his duty as a soldier, shall be deemed guilty of having made a false muster, and shall suffer accordingly.

#### S E C T I O N V.

*Art. 1.* Every officer who shall knowingly make a false return to the Congress, or any committee thereof, to the commander in chief of the forces of the United States, or to any his superior officer authorised to call for such returns, of the state of the regiment, troop or company, or garrison, under his command, or of arms, ammunition, clothing, or other stores thereunto belonging, shall by a court martial be cashiered.

*Art. 2.* The commanding officer of every regiment, troop or independent company, or garrison of the United States, shall, in the beginning of every month, remit to the commander in chief of the American forces and to the Congress, an exact return of the state

state of the regiment, troop, independent company, or garrison under his command, specifying the names of the officers not then residing at their posts, and the reason for, and time of, their absence: Whoever shall be convicted of having, through neglect or design, omitted the sending such returns, shall be punished according to the nature of his crime, by the judgment of a general court martial.

# SECTION VI.

*Art. 1.* All officers and soldiers, who having received pay, or having been duly enlisted in the service of the United States, shall be convicted of having deserted the same, shall suffer death, or such other punishment as by a court martial shall be inflicted.

*Art. 2.* Any non-commissioned officer or soldier, who shall, without leave from his commanding officer, absent himself from his troop or company, or from any detachment with which he shall be commanded, shall, upon being convicted thereof, be punished according to the nature of his offence at the discretion of a court martial.

*Art. 3.* No non commissioned officer or soldier shall enlist himself in any other regiment, troop or company, without a regular discharge from the regiment, troop or company, in which he last served, on the penalty of being reputed a deserter, and suffering accordingly: And in case any officer shall knowingly receive and entertain such non-commissioned officer or soldier, or shall not, after his being discovered to be a deserter, immediately confine him, and give notice thereof to the corps in which he last served, he, the said officer so offending, shall by a court martial be cashiered.

*Art. 4.* Whatsoever officer or soldier shall be convicted of having advised or persuaded any other officer or soldier to desert the service of the United States, shall suffer such punishment as shall be inflicted upon him by the sentence of a court martial.

# SECTION VII.

*Art. 1.* No officer or soldier shall use any reproachful or provoking speeches or gestures to another, upon pain, if an officer, of being put in arrest; if a soldier, imprisoned, and of asking pardon of the party offended, in the presence of his commanding officer.

*Art. 2.* No officer or soldier shall presume to send a challenge to any other officer or soldier, to fight a duel, upon pain, if a commissioned officer, of being cashiered, if a non-commissioned officer or soldier, of suffering corporal punishment, at the discretion of a court-martial.

*Art. 3.* If any commissioned or non-commissioned officer commanding a guard, shall knowingly and willingly suffer any person whatsoever to go forth to fight a duel, he shall be punished as a challenger: And likewise all seconds, promoters, and carriers of

challenges, in order to duels shall be deemed as principals, and be punished accordingly.

*Art. 4.* All officers of what condition soever have power to part and quell all quarrels, frays, and disorders, though the persons concerned should belong to another regiment, troop or company; and either to order officers into arrest or non-commissioned officers or soldiers to prison, till their proper superior officers shall be acquainted therewith; and whosoever shall refuse to obey such officer (though of an inferior rank) or shall draw his sword upon him, shall be punished at the discretion of a general court martial.

*Art. 5.* Whatsoever officer or soldier shall upbraid another for refusing a challenge, shall himself be punished as a challenger; and all officers and soldiers are hereby discharged of any disgrace or opinion of disadvantage, which might arise from their having refused to accept of challenges, as they will only have acted in obedience to the orders of Congress, and done their duty as good soldiers, who subject themselves to discipline.

### SECTION VIII.

*Art. 1.* No sutler shall be permitted to sell any kind of liquors or victuals, or to keep their houses or shops open, for the entertainment of soldiers, after nine at night, or before the beating of the reveilles, or upon Sundays, during divine service or sermon, on the penalty of being dismissed from all future suttlng.

*Art. 2.* All officers, soldiers and suttlers, shall have full liberty to bring into any of the forts or garrisons of the United American States, any quantity or species of provisions, eatable or drinkable, except where any contract or contracts are or shall be entered into by Congress, or by their order, for furnishing such provisions, and with respect only to the species of provisions so contracted for.

*Art. 3.* All officers commanding in the forts, barracks, or garrisons of the United States, are hereby required to see, that the persons permitted to suttle shall supply the soldiers with good and wholesome provisions at the market price, as they shall be answerable for their neglect.

*Art. 4.* No officers commanding in any of the garrisons, forts, or barracks of the United States, shall either themselves exact exorbitant prices for houses or stalls let out to suttlers, or shall connive at the like exactions in others; nor by their own authority, and for their private advantage, shall they lay any duty or imposition upon, or be interested in the sale of such victuals, liquors or other necessaries of life, which are brought into the garrison, fort, or barracks, for the use of the soldiers, on the penalty of being discharged from the service.

### SECTION IX.

*Art. 1.* Every officer commanding in quarters, garrisons, or on a march, shall keep good order, and to the utmost of his power



er redress all such abuses or disorders which may be committed by any officer or soldier under his command; if upon complaint made to him of officers or soldiers beating or otherwise ill treating any person; of disturbing fairs or markets, or of committing any kind of riots to the disquieting of the good people of the United States; he the said commander, who shall refuse or omit to see justice done on the offender or offenders, and reparation made to the party or parties injured, as far as part of the offender's pay shall enable him or them, shall upon proof thereof be punished by a general court martial, as if he himself had committed the crimes or disorders complained of.

### SECTION X.

*Art. 1.* Whenever any officer or soldier shall be accused of a capital crime, or of having used violence, or committed any offence against the persons or property of the good people of any of the United American States, such as is punishable by the known laws of the land, the commanding officer and officers of every regiment, troop, or party, to which the person or persons so accused shall belong, are hereby required, upon application duly made by or in behalf of the party or parties injured, to use his utmost endeavours to deliver over such accused person or persons to the civil magistrate; and likewise to be aiding and assisting to the officers of justice in apprehending and securing the person or persons so accused, in order to bring them to a trial. If any commanding officer or officers shall wilfully neglect or shall refuse, upon the application aforesaid, to deliver over such accused person or persons to the civil magistrates, or to be aiding and assisting to the officers of justice in apprehending such person or persons, the officer or officers so offending shall be cashiered.

*Art. 2.* No officer shall protect any person from his creditors on the pretence of his being a soldier, nor any non-commissioned officer or soldier who does not actually do all duties as such, and no farther than is allowed by a resolution of Congress, bearing date the 26th day of December, 1775: Any officer offending herein, being convicted thereof before a court martial, shall be cashiered.

### SECTION XI.

*Art. 1.* If any officer shall think himself to be wronged by his colonel or the commanding officer of the regiment, and shall upon due application made to him, be refused to be redressed, he may complain to the general, commanding in chief the forces of the United States, in order to obtain justice, who is hereby required to examine into the said complaint, and either by himself or the board of war, to make report to Congress thereupon, in order to receive further directions.

*Art. 2.* If any inferior officer or soldier shall think himself wronged by his captain, or other officer commanding the troop or company

company to which he belongs, he is to complain thereof to the commanding officer of the regiment, who is hereby required to summon a regimental court martial, for the doing justice to the complainant; from which regimental court martial either party may, if he thinks himself still aggrieved, appeal to a general court martial: But if, upon a second hearing, the appeal shall appear to be vexatious and groundless, the person so appealing shall be punished at the discretion of the said general court martial.

## SECTION XII.

*Art. 1.* Whatsoever commissioned officer, store keeper, or commissary, shall be convicted at a general court martial of having fold (without a proper order for that purpose) embezzled, misapplied, or wilfully, or through neglect, suffered any of the provisions, forage, arms, cloathing, ammunition, or other military stores belonging to the United States, to be spoiled or damaged, the said officer, store keeper, or commissary so offending, shall, at his own charge, make good the loss or damage, shall moreover forfeit all his pay and be dismissed from the service.

*Art. 2.* Whatsoever non-commissioned officer or soldier shall be convicted at a regimental court martial of having fold, or designedly, or through neglect, wasted the ammunition delivered out to him to be employed in the service of the United States, shall, if a non-commissioned officer, be reduced to a private sentinel, and shall besides suffer corporal punishment, in the same manner as a private sentinel so offending, at the discretion of a regimental court martial.

*Art. 3.* Every non-commissioned officer or soldier who shall be convicted at a court martial of having fold, lost or spoiled, through neglect, his horse, arms, clothes or accoutrements, shall undergo such weekly stoppages (not exceeding the half of his pay) as a court martial shall judge sufficient for repairing the loss or damage; and shall suffer imprisonment, or such other corporal punishment as his crime shall deserve.

*Art. 4.* Every officer who shall be convicted at a court martial of having embezzled or misapplied any money with which he may have been intrusted for the payment of the men under his command, or for enlisting men into the service, if a commissioned officer shall be cashiered and compelled to refund the money, if a non-commissioned officer shall be reduced to serve in the ranks as a private soldier, be put under stoppages until the money be made good, and suffer such corporal punishment (not extending to life or limb) as the court martial shall think fit.

*Art. 5.* Every captain of a troop or company, is charged with the arms, accoutrements, ammunition, clothing or other warlike stores belonging to the troop or company under his command, which he is to be accountable for to his colonel, in case of their being lost, spoiled or damaged, not by unavoidable accidents, or on actual service,

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## SECTION XIII.

*Art. 1.* All non-commissioned officers and soldiers, who shall be found one mile from the camp, without leave in writing from their commanding officer, shall suffer such punishment as shall be inflicted upon them by the sentence of a court-martial.

*Art. 2.* No officer or soldier shall lie out of his quarters, garrison or camp, without leave from his superior officer, upon penalty of being punished according to the nature of his offence by the sentence of a court martial,

*Art. 3.* Every non-commissioned officer and soldier shall retire to his quarters or tent at the beating of the retreat; in default of which, he shall be punished according to the nature of his offence, by the commanding officer.

*Art. 4.* No officer, non-commissioned officer, or soldier, shall fail of repairing, at the time fixed, to the place of parade of exercise, or other rendezvous appointed by his commanding officer, if not prevented by sickness, or some other evident necessity; or shall go from the said place of rendezvous, or from his guard, without leave from his commanding officer, before he shall be regularly dismissed or relieved, on the penalty of being punished according to the nature of his offence, by the sentence of a court martial.

*Art. 5.* Whatever commissioned officer shall be found drunk on his guard, party, or other duty under arms, shall be cashiered for it; any non-commissioned officer or soldier so offending, shall suffer such corporal punishment as shall be inflicted by the sentence of a court martial.

*Art. 6.* Whatever centinel shall be found sleeping upon his post, or shall leave it before he shall be regularly relieved, shall suffer death, or such other punishment as shall be inflicted by the sentence of a court martial.

*Art. 7.* No soldier belonging to any regiment, troop or company, shall hire another to do his duty for him, or be excused from duty, but in case of sickness, disability or leave of absence; and every such soldier found guilty of hiring his duty, as also the party so hired to do another's duty, shall be punished at the next regimental court martial.

*Art. 8.* And every non-commissioned officer conniving at such hiring of duty as aforesaid, shall be reduced for it; and every commissioned officer, knowing and allowing of such ill practices in the service, shall be punished by the judgment of a general court martial.

*Art. 9.* Any person belonging to the forces employed in the service of the United States, who, by discharging of fire arms, drawing of swords, beating of drums, or by any other means whatsoever, shall occasion false alarms in camp, garrison, or quarters, shall suffer death, or such other punishment as shall be ordered by the sentence of a general court martial.

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*Art. 10.* Any officer or soldier who shall, without urgent necessity, or without the leave of his superior officer, quit his platoon or division, shall be punished according to the nature of his offence by the sentence of a court martial.

*Art. 11.* No officer or soldier shall do violence to any person who brings provisions or other necessaries to the camp, garrison or quarters of the forces of the United States employed in parts out of said states, on pain of death, or such other punishment as a court martial shall direct.

*Art. 12.* Whatsoever officer or soldier shall misbehave himself before the enemy, or shamefully abandon any post committed to his charge, or shall speak words inducing others to do the like, shall suffer death.

*Art. 13.* Whatsoever officer or soldier shall misbehave himself before the enemy, and run away, or shamefully abandon any fort, post, or guard, which he or they shall be commanded to defend, or speak words inducing others to do the like; or who, after victory, shall quit his commanding officer, or post, to plunder and pillage: Every such offender, being duly convicted thereof, shall be reputed a disobeyer of military orders; and shall suffer death or such other punishment as by a general court martial shall be inflicted on him.

*Art. 14.* Any person belonging to the forces of the United States, who shall cast away his arms and ammunition, shall suffer death, or such other punishment as shall be ordered by the sentence of a general court martial.

*Art. 15.* Any person belonging to the forces of the United States, who shall make known the watch-word to any person who is not entitled to receive it according to the rules and discipline of war, or shall presume to give a parole or watch-word different from what he received, shall suffer death, or such other punishment as shall be ordered by the sentence of a general court martial.

*Art. 16.* All officers and soldiers are to behave themselves orderly in quarters, and on their march; and whosoever shall commit any waste or spoil, either in walks of trees, parks, warrens, fish-ponds, houses or gardens, corn-fields, enclosures or meadows, or shall maliciously destroy any property whatsoever belonging to the good people of the United States, unless by order of the then commander in chief of the forces of the said states to annoy rebels or other enemies in arms against said states, he or they that shall be found guilty of offending herein, shall (besides such penalties as they are liable to by law) be punished according to the nature and degree of the offence, by the judgment of a regimental or general court martial.

*Art. 17.* Whosoever belonging to the forces of the United States employed in foreign parts shall force a safe guard, shall suffer death.

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*Art. 18.* Whosoever shall relieve the enemy with money, victuals, or ammunition, or shall knowingly harbour or protect an enemy, shall suffer death, or such other punishment as by a court martial shall be inflicted.

*Art. 19.* Whosoever shall be convicted of holding correspondence with, or giving intelligence to, the enemy, either directly or indirectly, shall suffer death, or such other punishment as by a court martial shall be inflicted.

*Art. 20.* All public stores taken in the enemy's camp, towns, forts or magazines, whether of artillery, ammunition, cloathing, forage, or provisions, shall be secured for the service of the United States; for the neglect of which the commanders in chief are to be answerable.

*Art. 21.* If any officer or soldier shall leave his post or colours to go in search of plunder, he shall, upon being convicted thereof before a general court martial, suffer death, or such other punishment as by a court martial shall be inflicted.

*Art. 22.* If any commander of any garrison, fortress or post, shall be compelled by the officers or soldiers under his command to give up to the enemy, or to abandon it, the commissioned officers, non-commissioned officers or soldiers who shall be convicted of having so offended, shall suffer death or such other punishment as shall be inflicted upon them by the sentence of a court martial.

*Art. 23.* All sutlers and retainers to a camp, and all persons whatsoever serving with the armies of the United States in the field, though no enlisted soldiers, are to be subject to orders, according to the rules and discipline of war.

*Art. 24.* Officers having brevets, or commissions of a prior date to those of the regiment in which they now serve, may take place in courts martial and on detachments, when composed of different corps, according to the ranks given them in their brevets or dates of their former commissions; but in the regiment, troop or company to which such brevet officers and those who have commissions of a prior date do belong, they shall do duty and take rank both on courts martial and on detachments which shall be composed only of their own corps according to the commissions by which they are mustered in the said corps.

*Art. 25.* If upon marches, guards, or in quarters, different corps shall happen to join or do duty together, the eldest officer by commission there, on duty, or in quarters, shall command the whole, and give out orders for what is needful to the service; regard being always had to the several ranks of those corps, and the posts they usually occupy.

*Art. 26.* And in like manner also, if any regiments, troops or detachments of horse or foot shall happen to march with, or be encamped or quartered with any bodies or detachments of other troops in the service of the United States, the eldest officer, without

out respect to corps, shall take upon him the command of the whole, and give the necessary orders to the service.

#### SECTION XIV.

*Art. 1.* A general court martial in the United States shall not consist of less than thirteen commissioned officers, and the president of such court martial shall not be the commander in chief or commandant of the garrison where the offender shall be tried, nor be under the degree of a field officer.

*Art. 2.* The members both of general and regimental courts martial shall, when belonging to different corps, take the same rank which they hold in the army; but when courts martial shall be composed of officers of one corps, they shall take their ranks according to the dates of the commissions, by which they are mustered in the said corps.

*Art. 3.* The judge advocate general, or some person deputed by him, shall prosecute in the name of the United States of America; and in trials of offenders by general courts martial, administer to each member the following oaths:

*You shall well and truly try and determine, according to your evidence, the matter now before you, between the United States of America, and the prisoners to be tried. So help you God.*

*You A. B. do swear, That you will duly administer justice according to the rules and articles for the better government of the forces of the United States of America, without partiality, favour, or affection; and if any doubt shall arise, which is not explained by the said articles, according to your conscience, the best of your understanding, and the custom of war in the like cases. And you do further swear, that you will not divulge the sentence of the court, until it shall be approved of by the general, or commander in chief; neither will you, upon any account, at any time whatsoever, disclose or discover the vote or opinion of any particular member of the court martial, unless required to give evidence thereof as a witness by a court of justice, in a due course of law. So help you God.*

And as soon as the said oath shall have been administered to the respective members, the president of the court shall administer to the judge advocate, or person officiating as such, an oath in the following words:

*You A. B. do swear, That you will not upon any account, at any time whatsoever, disclose or discover the vote or opinion of any particular member of the court martial, unless required to give evidence thereof, as a witness, by a court of justice, in a due course of law. So help you God.*

*Art. 4.* All the members of a court martial are to behave with calmness and decency; and in the giving of their votes, are to begin with the youngest in commission.

*Art. 5.* All persons who give evidence before a general court martial, are to be examined upon oath; and no sentence of death shall

shall be given against any offender by any general court martial, unless two thirds of the officers present shall concur therein.

*Art. 6.* All persons called to give evidence, in any cause, before a court martial, who shall refuse to give evidence, shall be punished for such refusal, at the discretion of such court martial : The oath to be administered in the following form, viz.

*You swear the evidence you shall give in the cause now in hearing, shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. So help you God.*

*Art. 7.* No field officer shall be tried by any person under the degree of a captain ; nor shall any proceedings or trials be carried on excepting between the hours of eight in the morning and of three in the afternoon, except in cases which require an immediate example.

*Art. 8.* No sentence of a general court martial shall be put in execution, till after a report shall be made of the whole proceedings to Congress, or to the general or commander in chief of the forces of the United States, and their or his directions be signified thereupon.

*Art. 9.* For the more equitable decision of disputes which may arise between officers and soldiers belonging to different corps, it is hereby directed, That the courts martial shall be equally composed of officers belonging to the corps in which the parties in question do then serve ; and that the presidents shall be taken by turns, beginning with that corps which shall be eldest in rank.

*Art. 10.* The commissioned officers of every regiment may by the appointment of their colonel or commanding officer, hold regimental courts martial for the enquiring into such disputes, or criminal matters, as may come before them, and for the inflicting corporal punishments for small offences, and shall give judgment by the majority of voices ; but no sentence shall be executed till the commanding officer (not being a member of the court martial) or the commandant of the garrison, shall have confirmed the same.

*Art. 11.* No regimental court martial shall consist of less than five officers, excepting in cases where that number cannot conveniently be assembled, when three may be sufficient ; who are likewise to determine upon the sentence by the majority of voices ; which sentence is to be confirmed by the commanding officer of the regiment, not being a member of the court martial.

*Art. 12.* Every officer commanding in any of the forts, barracks, or elsewhere, where the corps under his command consists of detachments from different regiments, or of independant companies, may assemble courts martial for the trial of offenders in the same manner as if they were regimental, whose sentence is not to be executed until it shall be confirmed by the said commanding officer.

*Art. 13.* No commissioned officer shall be cashiered or dismissed from the service, excepting by an order from the Congress, or by the sentence of a general court martial; but non-commissioned officers may be discharged as private soldiers, and, by the order of the colonel of the regiment, or by the sentence of a regimental court martial, be reduced to private centinels.

*Art. 14.* No person whatever shall use menacing words, signs, or gestures, in the presence of a court martial when sitting, or shall cause any disorder or riot, so as to disturb their proceedings, on the penalty of being punished at the discretion of the said court martial.

*Art. 15.* To the end that offenders may be brought to justice, it is hereby directed, That whenever any officer or soldier shall commit a crime deserving punishment, he shall, by his commanding officer, if an officer, be put in arrest; if a non-commissioned officer or soldier, be imprisoned till he shall be either tried by a court martial, or shall be lawfully discharged by a proper authority.

*Art. 16.* No officer or soldier who shall be put in arrest or imprisonment, shall continue in his confinement more than eight days, or till such time as a court martial can be conveniently assembled.

*Art. 17.* No officer commanding a guard, or provost-martial, shall refuse to receive, or keep any prisoner committed to his charge, by any officer belonging to the forces of the United States; which officer shall, at the same time, deliver an account in writing, signed by himself, of the crime with which the said prisoner is charged.

*Art. 18.* No officer commanding a guard, or provost-martial, shall presume to release any prisoner committed to his charge without proper authority for so doing; nor shall he suffer any prisoner to escape, on the penalty of being punished for it by the sentence of a court martial.

*Art. 19.* Every officer or provost-martial to whose charge prisoners shall be committed, is hereby required, within twenty-four hours after such commitment, or as soon as he shall be relieved from his guard, to give in writing to the colonel of the regiment to whom the prisoner belongs (where the prisoner is confined upon the guard belonging to the said regiment, and that his offence only relates to the neglect of duty in his own corps) or to the commander in chief, their names, their crimes; and the names of the officers who committed them, on the penalty of his being punished for his disobedience or neglect, at the discretion of a court martial.

*Art. 20.* And if any officer under arrest shall leave his confinement before he is set at liberty by the officer who confined him, or by a superior power, he shall be cashiered for it.

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*Art. 21.* Whatsoever commissioned officer shall be convicted before a general court martial, of behaving in a scandalous, infamous manner, such as is unbecoming the character of an officer and a gentleman, shall be discharged from the service.

*Art. 22.* In all cases where a commissioned officer is cashiered for cowardice, or fraud, it shall be added in the punishment, that the crime, name, place of abode, and punishment of the delinquent be published in the news-papers, in and about the camp, and of that particular state from which the offender came or usually resides: After which it shall be deemed scandalous for any officer to associate with him.

#### SECTION XV.

*Art. 1.* When any commissioned officer shall happen to die, or be killed in the service of the United States, the major of the regiment, or the officer doing the major's duty in his absence, shall immediately secure all his effects or equipage then in camp or quarters; and shall before the next regimental court martial make an inventory thereof, and forthwith transmit the same to the office of the board of war, to the end that his executors may, after payment of his debts in quarters, and interment, receive the overplus, if any be, to his or their use.

*Art. 2.* When any non-commissioned officer or soldier shall happen to die, or to be killed in the service of the United States, the then commanding officer of the troop or company shall, in the presence of two other commissioned officers, take an account of whatever effects he dies possessed of, above his regimental cloathing, arms, and accoutrements, and transmit the same to the office of the board at war; which said effects are to be accounted for, and paid to, the representative of such deceased non-commissioned officer or soldier. And in case any of the officers, so authorized to take care of the effects of dead officers and soldiers, should, before they shall have accounted to their representatives for the same, have occasion to leave the regiment, by preferment or otherwise, they shall, before they be permitted to quit the same, deposit in the hands of the commanding officer or of the agent of the regiment, all the effects of such deceased non-commissioned officers and soldiers, in order that the same may be secured for, and paid to, their respective representatives.

#### SECTION XVI.

*Art. 1.* All officers, conductors, gunners, matrosses, drivers, or any other persons whatsoever, receiving pay or hire in the service of the artillery of the United States, shall be governed by the aforesaid rules and articles, and shall be subject to be tried by courts martial, in like manner with the officers and soldiers of the other troops in the service of the United States.

*Art. 2.* For differences arising amongst themselves, or in matters relating solely to their own corps, the courts martial may be composed

composed of their own officers; but where a number sufficient of such officers cannot be assembled, or in matters wherein other corps are interested, the officers of artillery shall sit in courts martial with the officers of the other corps, taking their rank according to the dates of their respective commissions and no otherwise.

#### S E C T I O N XVII.

*Art. 1.* The officers and soldiers of any troops, whether minute-men, militia, or others being mustered and in continental pay, shall, at all times, and in all places, when joined or acting in conjunction with the regular forces of the United States, be governed by these rules or articles of war, and shall be subject to be tried by courts martial in like manner with the officers and soldiers in the regular forces, save only that such courts martial shall be composed entirely of militia officers of the same provincial corps with the offender.

That such militia and minute-men as are now in service, and have by particular contract with their respective states engaged to be governed by particular regulations while in continental service, shall not be subject to the above articles of war.

*Art. 2.* For the future all general officers and colonels, serving by commission from the authority of any particular state, shall, on all detachments, courts martial, or other duty, wherein they may be employed in conjunction with the regular forces of the United States, take rank next after all generals and colonels serving by commissions from Congress, though the commissions of such particular generals and colonels should be of elder date: and in like manner, lieutenant colonels, majors, captains, and other inferior officers serving by commission from any particular state, shall on all detachments, courts martial, or other duty, wherein they may be employed in conjunction with the regular forces of the United States, have rank next after all officers of the like rank serving by commissions from Congress, though the commissions of such lieutenant colonels, majors, captains, and other inferior officers, should be of elder date to those of the like rank from Congress.

#### S E C T I O N XVIII.

*Art. 1.* The foregoing articles are to be read and published once in every two months at the head of every regiment, troop or company, mustered, or to be mustered in the service of the United States; and are to be duly observed and exactly obeyed by all officers and soldiers who are or shall be in the said service.

*Art. 2.* The general, or commander in chief for the time being, shall have full power of pardoning, or mitigating any of the punishments ordered to be inflicted, for any of the offences mentioned in the foregoing articles; and every offender convicted as aforesaid, by any regimental court martial, may be pardoned, or have his punishment mitigated by the colonel, or officer commanding the regiment.

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*Art. 3.* No person shall be sentenced to suffer death, except in the cases expressly mentioned in the foregoing articles; nor shall more than *one hundred lashes* be inflicted on any offender at the discretion of a court martial.

That every judge advocate, or person officiating as such, at any general court martial, do, and he is hereby required to transmit, with as much expedition as the opportunity of time and distance of place can admit, the original proceedings and sentence of such court martial to the secretary at war, which said original proceedings and sentence shall be carefully kept and preserved in the office of said secretary, to the end that persons intitled thereto may be enabled, upon application to the said office, to obtain copies thereof.

That the party tried by any general court martial shall be intitled to a copy of the sentence and proceedings of such court martial, upon demand thereof made by himself or by any other person or persons on his behalf, whether such sentence be approved or not.

*Art. 4.* The field officers of each and every regiment are to appoint some suitable person belonging to such regiment, to receive all such fines as may arise within the same, for any breach of any of the foregoing articles, and shall direct the same to be carefully and properly applied to the relief of such sick, wounded or necessitous soldiers as belong to such regiments; and such person shall account with such officer, for all fines received, and the application thereof.

*Art. 5.* All crimes not capital, and all disorders and neglects, which officers and soldiers may be guilty of, to the prejudice of good order and military discipline, though not mentioned in the above articles of war, are to be taken cognizance of by a general or regimental court martial, according to the nature and degree of the offence, and be punished at their discretion.

*Ordered,* That the foregoing articles of war be immediately published.

*Ordered,* That the resolutions for raising the new army be published, and copies thereof sent to the commanding officers in the several departments, and to the assemblies and conventions of the respective states.

A petition from Charles Roberts, commander of the schooner Thistle, was read:

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

*Resolved,* That the sum of 6700 dollars be advanced to the delegates of New-York for the use of that state; the said state to be accountable.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Payne write to governor Trumbull, respecting the practicability of enlarging the furnace at Salisbury, for casting heavy cannon there, and request his opinion concerning the same.

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The delegates from New-York having communicated to Congress a letter of the 9th from the committee of safety of that state, with sundry papers inclosed :

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to take the same into consideration, and report thereon with all convenient dispatch :

The members chosen, Mr. Chase, Mr. Payne and Mr. Stockton.

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to repair to head-quarters near New-York, to enquire into the state of the army, and the best means of supplying their wants :

The members chosen, Mr. Sherman, Mr. Gerry and Mr. Lewis.

*Resolved*, That an assistant physician to Dr. Shippen be appointed for the flying camp and troops in New-Jersey, and that his pay be 2 dollars and two thirds per day :

The ballots being taken,

Dr. William Brown was elected.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed :

Adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday.

MONDAY, September 23, 1776.

A letter of the 20th and 21st from general Washington; two of the 19th from J. Trumbull; one of the 21st from the convention of Delaware; one of the 14th from R. Varick; one of the 19th from governor Livingston; also, one of the 14th from general Schuyler, and one of the 19th from colonel Van Schaick, and one from Dr. William Shippen, were read :

*Ordered*, That the letter from Dr. Shippen be referred to the medical committee, and the rest to the board of war.

Two petitions; one from colonel J. Stark, and the other from Monsi. Devourouy, were read, and referred to the board of war.

A petition from captain Archibald Hamilton was read, praying that he may be permitted to return home, and reside with his wife and children :

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petition be granted.

*Resolved*, That two months pay be advanced to Monsi. Colerus, as major; the same to Monsi. Malmedy, and two months pay to Monsi. de Vernejouze, as captain.

A letter from the speaker of the assembly of New-Jersey, with an extract of a letter from Amboy, were read :

*Ordered*, That a copy of the letter from the assembly, and of the enclosed letter from Amboy be sent to general Mercer; and that he be desired to take such steps as shall effectually introduce order, and remove the complaints of the inhabitants of the state of New-Jersey.

*Resolved*, That two members be added to the committee on the treasury: The ballots being taken,

Mr. Hooper and Mr. Ellery were elected.

*Resolved*,



*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to devise ways and means for providing cloathing and other necessaries for the army :

The members chosen, Mr. R. H. Lee, Mr. Wythe and Mr. R. Morris.

Two letters of the 22d from general Washington being received, were read.

The committee, to whom were referred the several papers from the convention of the state of New-York, brought in a report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the German battalion be ordered immediately to join the army under general Washington; and that the president inform his excellency of their march, and desire that he will order an equal number of men from his army, to garrison the forts in the highlands.

*Resolved*, That Mr. J. Mease be directed to supply the German battalion with such articles of cloathing as they may stand in need of; the same to be charged to their account, and deducted out of the pay of the men :

That three tons of the fifteen tons of powder, lately ordered to the northern army, and now on its way thither, be left at New-Windfor in the state of New-York, and from thence conveyed to fort Montgomery; and that five tons be immediately sent from the city of Philadelphia:

That two companies of the marines lately raised & now in Philadelphia, be also ordered to march immediately to fort Montgomery:

That application be made to the council of safety of the state of Pennsylvania, to order one half of the artillery men, now in the service of their state, to proceed to fort Montgomery as soon as possible:

That Congress approve the measures adopted by the convention of New-York, for the defence of the highlands, and will cheerfully defray all the necessary expences that may accrue.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, September 24, 1776.

A petition from Benjamin Marshall and brothers, and one from John Hazard, were read, and referred to the marine committee.

A petition from Charles Startin was read:

Ordered to lie on the table.

The board of war brought in a report, which was read:

Ordered to lie on the table.

The committee, to whom was referred the petition of colonel Hazen, brought in a report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That colonel Hazen and lieutenant colonel Edward Antill

Antill be continued in their offices, in the army of the United States, and that they recruit their regiment to the number of a battalion on the continental establishment :

That the settlement of colonel Hazen's accounts of monies advanced by him, for the service of the United States in Canada, be referred to the commissioners appointed to audit accounts in the northern department :

That 1095 dollars be paid to colonel Hazen in full satisfaction for his net cattle, sheep, swine, poultry, hay and other articles, alledged to have been taken and used for the benefit of the continental army near St. John's; which sum, together with 533 dollars and one third already received by him on that account, is the amount of the said articles, as estimated by commissioners appointed by general Wooster for that purpose, pursuant to an order of Congress :

That the damages done to the buildings, farms, &c. by our troops or those of the enemy, ought not to be paid, unless general provision be made for compensating all others, who, by means of the war, have, in like manner, been damnified; which may be a subject worthy to be considered, after the close of the war.

*Resolved*, That the committee be discharged from enquiring into what respects the conduct of general Arnold; the Congress having directed general Washington to cause an enquiry to be made into the conduct of the officers, who served in Canada.

*Resolved*, That a committee of five be appointed to devise ways and means for effectually providing the northern army with provisions and medicines, and supplying their other necessary wants:

The members chosen, Mr. Rush, Mr. Hall, Mr. Chase, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Stockton.

*Resolved*, That the medical committee be directed to apply to the council of safety of Pennsylvania, for a quantity of medicines; to be repaid in kind or in cash, as they shall chuse.

The board of war brought in a farther report:

Ordered to lie on the table.

Congress resumed the consideration of the instructions to the commissioners, and the same being debated by paragraphs and amended, were agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the committee of secret correspondence lay before Congress to-morrow morning the intelligence they have lately received from abroad.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, September 25, 1776.

Two letters from general Lee; one of the 24th of August to the president, the other of the 27th of the same month to the board of war, both dated at Savannah, being received, were read.

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The committee of the treasury reported, that there is due,

To John Bates, for 212 camp-kettles delivered to Gustavus Ribergh, assistant to the deputy quarter-master general, 282 dollars and sixty ninetieths:

To Melchior Meng, for waggon-hire, carrying money to Albany, with expences, going and returning, 117 dollars and seven ninetieths:

To Samuel Johnson, for 1047 meals supplied the militia on their march to New-Jersey, 104 dollars and sixty-three ninetieths:

To John Kerlin, for entertaining militia on their march to New-Jersey, 55 dollars and twenty-seven ninetieths:

To Messrs. St. Luke la Corn, major Campbell and captain Frazier, prisoners from Canada, for their allowance of two dollars a week each, and for their three servants at one dollar a week each, from the 8th of July to the 23d of September, 1776; inclusive, 11 weeks, 90 dollars:

To Peter Mather, for entertaining militia on their march to New-Jersey, 32 dollars and seventy-two ninetieths:

To Samuel Pews, for supplying the militia with 269 meals of victuals, on their march to New-Jersey, 26 dollars and eighty-one ninetieths:

To Francis Lee, for the hire of a stage-coach, agreeable to a certificate of Richard Peters, Esq; to convey general Prescott and general McDonald, with their guard, 26 dollars and sixty ninetieths:

To Jacob Henkles, for supplying troops with provisions, on their march to New-Jersey, 215 dollars and fifty-two ninetieths:

To Robert Tolbert, 18 dollars and eighteen ninetieths, and to Joseph M'Kellup, 45 dollars and eighteen ninetieths, for entertaining troops on their march to New-Jersey; both sums amounting to 63 dollars and thirty-six ninetieths; to be paid to the said Joseph M'Kellup:

To colonel Allen M'Donald of Kingsborough, and his son Alexander M'Donald, for their allowance of two dollars a week for 21 weeks, and for their servants allowance, 21 weeks, at one dollar a week, settled to the 17th of September, 105 dollars:

To John Pluckrose, for going exprefs from Congress to Charlestown, South-Carolina, 132 dollars:

To the steward of the Pennsylvania hospital, for boarding William Whiting, a wounded soldier, 4 weeks, by order of Congress, 5 dollars and thirty ninetieths:

To Jacob Peterman, to be paid to John Ebert, for 83 meals of victuals supplied the troops of the flying camp, on their march to New-Jersey, 8 dollars and twenty-two ninetieths:

To Gunning Bedford, Esq; for his pay and rations, from the 17th of June to the 17th of September, 1776, being 3 months, 152 dollars and sixty-four ninetieths:

Ordered, That the said accounts be paid.

The said committee farther reported, that they have considered the petition of captain James Ross to Congress, and are of opinion that he should be credited with the following sums charged to his account; he not having received the accounts in time, to make the stoppages, viz.

For sundry articles supplied by Mr. Slough, amounting to 486 dollars and sixty-five ninetieths:

For drums, &c. by Simons and Henry, 17 dollars and twenty four ninetieths:

For cash to a waggoner, by committee of Lancaster county, 66 dollars and sixty ninetieths:

For part of an account of expences of his company, on their march to Cambridge, 17 dollars and seventy-eight ninetieths:

The whole amounting to 588 dollars and forty-seven ninetieths:

*Ordered*, That the said sum be passed to his credit.

*Resolved*, That an order for 40 dollars be drawn on the treasurer in favour of Monf. P. Govert, as captain-lieutenant of artillery; the same being two months pay advanced, for which he is to be accountable.

A letter from general Washington, inclosing one from brigadier general Green, and a return of the army, was read.

*Resolved*, That the captains or commanding officers of the companies of the militia of Pennsylvania make up the pay-rolls of such companies as have been regularly discharged from the camp in New-Jersey, from the time of their being last paid, with the addition of a day to each man, for every twenty miles between the camp and his respective place of abode; for which, an allowance of one penny per mile is to be made, without rations or subsistence. The sums due on the said rolls to be attested by the oaths or affirmations of the respective captains or commanding officers, and certified by one of their field officers. And the pay-master in Philadelphia is hereby directed to discharge the said rolls, on certificates being produced from the commissary of stores at the flying camp, and in this city, of the re-delivery of such of the public stores as have been received by the companies aforesaid, or the regiments to which they respectively belong, or upon deducting the amount thereof from the pay of those who have not returned them:

That the captains or commanding officers of such of the said militia, as are not yet returned from the camp, be directed, when discharged, to procure from the commanding officer of the camp, certificates of the sums due in their respective rolls; and in every other respect, the said captains or commanding officers, and the pay-masters aforesaid, are to observe the rules prescribed in the foregoing resolve for payment of the said militia.

*Resolved*, That three gentlemen be appointed to audit and settle the accounts of the Pennsylvania militia:

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The ballots being taken, the following gentlemen were chosen, viz. Mr. P. Chevalier, Mr. J. Wilcox and Mr. James Mease.

The committee appointed to devise ways and means for providing cloathing and other necessaries for the army, brought in their report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the general assemblies and conventions of the United States, to forward to head-quarters the cloathing, blankets and necessaries, which they may have provided in consequence of the resolution of Congress of the 19th of June last, drawing on the president for the cost and conveyance thereof; in which, it is hoped the utmost diligence and expedition will be used, that those who expose themselves to danger in defending and protecting their fellow-citizens, may suffer as little as possible from inclement seasons:

That a committee of Congress, consisting of one delegate from each state, be appointed with authority to employ proper persons to purchase, in their respective states, a sufficient number of blankets and woollens fit for soldiers cloaths, and that they take the most effectual and speedy methods for getting such woollens made up, and distributed among the regular continental army, in such proportion as will best promote the public service: And that they also purchase all other necessary cloathing for the soldiers, in such proportion as they judge, upon the best information, will be wanted; and that the said committee be authorised to draw on the president of Congress for the sums necessary to execute this business; they to be accountable for the amount of their draughts and disbursements:

That Mr. J. Mease be directed immediately to send to general Gates all the white shirts, shoes and stockings, he now has in his possession, and which are unappropriated, for the use of the northern army, and that he use the utmost diligence in buying, collecting and getting made immediately as many more of those articles as possible, making weekly reports to Congress of what he obtains:

That general Schuyler, or the commanding officer at Albany, be desired to employ proper persons immediately to make up into soldiers cloaths the woollens mentioned in general Schuyler's letter of the 29th of August last, and transmit the same without delay to the general commanding the northern army, for the use of such of the troops in that army, as have enlisted for three years, or will enlist during the war.

*Resolved*, That the commissaries and quarter-master general, and deputy quarter-masters general and their assistants in the several departments, be directed to apply to Mr. Mease for such articles of cloathing, camp equipage and other utensils, which they may want to purchase in the state of Pennsylvania, for the use of the army.

Congress

Congress then proceeded to the appointment of the committee, when the following gentlemen were chosen, viz.

Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Paine, Mr. Ellery, Mr. Williams, Mr. Floyd, Mr. Stockton, Mr. Ross, Mr. M'Kean, Mr. Paca, Mr. Wythe, Mr. Hewes, Mr. Middleton, and Mr. Hall.

*Resolved*, That lieutenant Boger and lieutenant Ball be released from prison on signing the like parole, as the other officers prisoners at York-Town in Pennsylvania.

*Resolved*, That the committee to whom was entrusted the care of publishing the journals of this house, be impowered to collect from the several printers such parts of the said journals as they have printed, and lodge them with Robert Aitken for sale; the several printers to be paid out of the sales in such manner as the committee shall find just and equitable; and that the said committee make a publication of the journals as far as printed, as soon as possible.

The committee appointed to devise ways and means for providing the northern army with provisions, medicines and other necessaries, brought in a report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That a committee be immediately sent to Ticonderoga; that they give orders that a number of sheep, and a quantity of indian meal, rice and oatmeal, and molasses be immediately sent to lake George and Ticonderoga; that they endeavour to contract for the provisions for the northern army, by the ration, the particulars of which to be valued, and any part not supplied, to be paid for in money by the contractor; and that such contract be made, as far as may be, agreeable to the mode recommended by general Schuyler in his letter to Congress of the 25th of August: That the committee consult with the commanding officer in the northern department, and such other of the general officers as may be thought proper on the best mode to reinlist the army there, and to provide barracks and cloathing for the troops, and especially that they engage the goods mentioned by general Schuyler, and apply such of them as may be necessary for the northern army:

That the committee be impowered to make regulations for the hospitals in the northern department, and to remove or suspend any person employed therein, and to employ such as they may think necessary and proper: And that they report to Congress the state and condition of the army, and any further regulations which they may think necessary, for the better government, and supplying the said army:

That the committee consist of two, and that to-morrow be assigned for electing the said committee.

Congress took into consideration the report of the board of war; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That Mr. J. Mease be directed to purchase as many tents, camp-kettles, canteens, and other camp-furniture, and as much

much cloathing as he can possibly procure for the use of the army under the command of general Washington :

That captain James Rofs be appointed major in colonel Hand's regiment, and that the other vacancies in that battalion be filled up, as recommended by the colonel, in manner following, viz.

John Halliday, to be captain in the room of James Rofs promoted ;

William Wilfon, to be first lieutenant ;

John Dougherty, to be second lieutenant, and

Benjamin Lyon, to be third lieutenant ;

John Dick, to be second lieutenant in the room of Jacob Zanch resigned ; and

Robert Cunningham, to be third lieutenant ; vice John Dick :

That the vacancies in colonel Ward's regiment of the Massachusetts-Bay be filled up in the manner recommended by the colonel, viz.

Captain James Mellen, to be major,—commission to be dated from the time of doing duty, viz. August 15, 1776.

Captains, Ephraim Burr,	—	April 1, do.
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Ebenezer Cleveland,	—	July 12, do.
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Nahum Ward,	—	September 11, do.
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1st lieutenants, Baxter Howe,	—	July 12, do.
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Samuel Shelden,	—	September 11, do.
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2d lieutenants; Jonathan Champeney,		July 12, do.
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Samuel Cloffin,		September 11, do.
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Ensigns, Jonas Snow,	—	July 12, do.
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Caleb Noble,	—	July 20, do.
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Joseph Freeland,	—	September 11, do.
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Chaplain, Ebenezer Cleavland,	—	January 1, do.
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Surgeon, Elihu Wright,	—	August 11, do.
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Do. mate, Israel Whiting,	—	July 1, do.
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That Leonard Gansevort, junr. be appointed paymaster to colonel van Schaick's regiment :

That Richard Varick, late captain in colonel M'Dougal's regiment, which office he resigned, secretary to the honourable major-general Schuyler, be appointed deputy muster-master general to the northern army : And

That major Henry Brockholst Livingston, aid de camp to general Schuyler, be provided for by Congress in a station equal to his merit, when a proper vacancy happens, he being recommended by the general as a very deserving officer :

That the part of general Schuyler's letter referred to the board of war, which relates to indian affairs, be referred to the committee for indian affairs :

That the commissary general be directed to procure such quantities of salt, and to buy, cure and lay up in proper places such quantities of provisions, as he shall judge necessary for the next campaign :

That

That the commissary general's letter relative to his having drawn an order on Mr. president Hancock, in favour of colonel Lowry for 60,000 dollars, be referred to the treasury board :

That Monfr. Devourouy's petition be referred to the marine committee :

That the letters from his excellency governor Livingston of New-Jersey, respecting the payment of the militia, be referred to the treasury board :

That so much of general Arnold's letter to general Schuyler as relates to cloathing, be referred to the committee for providing cloathing for the army.

The committee appointed to settle the rank of the captains and subalterns in the German battalion reported the same, as follows, which was agreed to :

Captains, Daniel Burkhart, Philip Graybill, George Hubley, Henry Fister, Jacob Bonner, George Kaports, Benjamin Weiser, William Keyser, and David Woelpper.

First lieutenants, Frederic Rolwagen, John Lora, Peter Boyer, Charles Bulfel, William Rice, Jacob Kotz, Jacob Bower, Samuel Gerock, and Bernard Hubley.

Second lieutenants, George Hawbecker, Christian Meyers, John Landenberger, Michael Bayer, George Schaffer, Adam Smith, Frederick Yeiser, William Ritter, and Philip Schrawder.

Ensigns, John Weidman, Martin Shugart, Christian Helm, Jacob Crummet, Jacob Cramer, Paul Christman, Christopher Godfrey Swartz, and John Landenberger.

The committee appointed to hear and determine on the appeal against the sentence of condemnation passed upon the schooner Thistle, having reversed the decree ;

*Resolved*, That a passport and safe conduct be granted to Charles Roberts, master of the schooner Thistle, for himself and the said schooner, for the space of sixty days.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed :

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, *September 26, 1776.*

Congress proceeded to the election of a committee to go to Ticonderoga, and the ballots being taken,

Mr. Stockton and Mr. Clymer were elected.

*Ordered*, That the secret committee deliver to lieutenant Pendleton 8 lb. of powder, for the use of his company.

The committee of treasury reported that there is due,

To Jacob Shizens for half-ferrriages of the militia and their baggage over Neshaminy ferry, 17 dollars and forty ninetieths :

To James McCree for boarding nine men of captain Grier's company 18 days, at the rate of 1 dollar and one third per week, 30 dollars and seventy-seven ninetieths :

To



To John Teney for supplying the militia with 201 meals victuals on their march to New-Jersey, 20 dollars and nine ninetieths; and to Philip Upright for supplying them with 996 meals, 99 dollars and fifty-four ninetieths, both sums making 119 dollars and sixty-three ninetieths, to be paid to Adam Kimmel:

To John White Swift for two receipts of brigadier-general D. Wooster, one dated 17th January for 240 dollars, and the other 8th March, for 25 half Johannes with interest allowed thereon, being 6 months, 18 days, at 6 per cent, amounts to 206 dollars and fifty-four ninetieths, both sums making 446 dollars and fifty-four ninetieths:

To John Shultz for boarding and lodging fundry continental troops, 201 dollars and sixty ninetieths, and for boarding and nursing fundry sick troops, 29 dollars and forty ninetieths, both sums making 231 dollars and nineteen ninetieths:

To captain Philip Graybill of the German battalion, the ballance of his account for arms, accoutrements &c. for the use of his company, and for provisions supplied them on their march from Maryland to Philadelphia, 1168 dollars and five ninetieths, agreeable to the following account, viz.—

Amount of provisions account, 732 dollars and forty-one ninetieths:

Of which he received of the council of safety of Maryland, 266 dollars and sixty ninetieths:

Of colonel Stricker, 327 dollars:

Of major Veltner, 100 dollars: 693 dollars and sixty ninetieths:

Ballance on this account, 38 dollars and seventy-one ninetieths:

Amount of arms, accoutrements, blankets, &c. 1129 dollars and twenty-four ninetieths:

Amounting in the whole to 1168 dollars and five ninetieths:

*Ordered*, That the said accounts be paid.

*Resolved*, That the committee appointed to superintend the publication of the journals, be empowered and instructed to employ Robert Aitken, to reprint the said journals from the beginning with all possible expedition, and continue to print the same: And that this house will purchase of him 500 copies of the said journals when reprinted; and further that he be directed to purchase on reasonable terms, such parts of the journals as Mr. Bradford, Siff and company, have printed and not yet published, to be paid for by the Congress.

*Resolved*, That general Washington be directed to procure as soon as possible an exchange of the officers and soldiers taken on Long-Island, for the same number of British officers and privates, now prisoners to the United States.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY,

FRIDAY, *September 27, 1776.*

Two letters of the 24th and 25th from general Washington with sundry papers inclosed; one of the 20th from the convention of New-York; one of the 22d from Jos. Trumbull; one of the 25th from colonel John Shee inclosing his commission; and one of the 25th from Jon. B. Smith requesting leave to resign his office of deputy muster master-general, were laid before Congress and read.

*Ordered*, That the letters from general Washington be referred to a committee of five.

The members chosen, Mr. Wythe, Mr. Hopkinson, Mr. Rutledge, Mr. J. Adams, and Mr. Stoue.

*Resolved*, That 100,000 dollars be advanced to the delegates of New-York for the use of that state, which is to be accountable.

*Resolved*, That the resignation of colonel J. Shee and Jonathan B. Smith be accepted.

Certain resolutions of the convention of New-York passed the 20th of this month, being laid before Congress,

*Ordered*, That they be referred to a committee of three.

The members chosen, Mr. M'Kean, Mr. Rutledge, and Mr. Hooper.

*Resolved*, That George M'Cabe in captain Douglass's company in the flying camp be sent to Philadelphia, his service being necessary to the marine committee.

*Ordered*, That the secret committee deliver to the board of war the care and custody of all arms, ammunition, and other warlike stores now under their care, or that may hereafter be imported or purchased by them for account of the United States of America.

*Resolved*, That the marine committee be impow'ed to pursue such measures as they judge proper and effectual to import as much salt as possible.

A petition from Wm. M'Cue was read and referred to the board of war.

A petition from Hamilton Young of New-York was read, praying that he may have leave to return to Long-Island, to take care of his books and effects;

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the said petition be granted.

Congress being informed that a number of men belonging to three of the Pennsylvania battalions, have deserted from the army,

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the convention of Pennsylvania, to take the most effectual measures to compel such of their troops, as have come off from the camp on New-York island, to return immediately to that place; that they inquire who were the ringleaders of the mutiny, and have them sent back under guard for trial; and that the convention, if they think necessary, have the assistance of the German battalion, to enable them to carry this resolve into execution; and the convention are desired to use all proper means to furnish their troops with cloathing and blankets.

blankets. The said convention are further desired to cause all deserters from their troops to be immediately apprehended, and sent back to general Washington's head-quarters.

The marine committee, to whom the petition of Francis Guillot was referred, brought in a report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That Francis Guillot be permitted to fit out and arm a privateer under the colours of the United States of America, and that he be permitted to equip and arm the said vessel in such place as he thinks he can do it at the smallest expence; he giving the usual securities in such cases directed by Congress.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

SATURDAY, *September 28*, 1776.

A memorial from Gunning Bedford, muster master general, was laid before Congress and read:

Ordered to lie on the table.

The board of war, to whom the petition of William M'Cue was referred, brought in a report; whereupon,

*Resolved*, As Congress have impowered the several states to provide for such soldiers as may be disabled in the service of the continent, that the petition of William M'Cue be referred to the commonwealth of Virginia.

*Resolved*, That 100,000 dollars be advanced to the state of Pennsylvania, which is to be accountable.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Mease supply captain Doyle with money sufficient to purchase rifles and blankets for his company.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday.

MONDAY, *September 30*, 1776.

Two letters of the 27th and 28th from general Washington, and one of the 22d from governor Trumbull, were read:

Also, a letter from Robert Franklin was read, and referred to the marine committee.

A petition from J. Rowe and others, owners of goods on board the ship Elizabeth, which was taken by captains John Manly, Daniel Waters and John Ayres, commanders of the three armed vessels Hancock, Lee and Lynch, and libelled in the court maritime for the state of New-Hampshire, and, by the sentence of the said court, acquitted; against which sentence, an appeal has been entered, was laid before Congress and read, praying that the said appeal may be heard and determined; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That a committee of five be appointed, with full powers to hear and determine on the said appeal:

The members chosen, Mr. Paine, Mr. Huntington, Mr. Stone, Mr. Wytbe and Mr. Smith.



A letter from B. Flower, commissary of military stores, directed to the board of war, was laid before Congress and read.

*Resolved*, That the board of war be empowered and directed, on requisition of the general, or commanding officers in the several departments, to send such articles of military stores and other necessities, which they may have in their possession, or can procure.

*Resolved*, That the board of war be directed to order the three Virginia battalions, now on their march to New-York, to be lodged in the barracks at Wilmington; there to remain 'till farther orders.

*Resolved*, That the sum of 13,333 dollars and one third be advanced to Messrs. Hughes, in part payment for the cannon they have contracted to make for the continent; they to be accountable.

*Resolved*, That a member be added to the committee of treasury: The member chosen, Mr. Hopkinson.

A petition from Monf. De Boy, and one from Monf. Ja. Vallier, were read and referred to the board of war.

A petition from Jacob Sheafe, and a petition from colonel M. Hazen, were read:

*Ordered*, That the petition from colonel Hazen be referred to the Canada committee.

The committee to whom were referred the letters from general Washington of the 24th and 25th instant, and the papers inclosed therein, brought in their report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That general Washington be directed to call upon such of the members of the court martial, as sat upon the trial, and concurred in the acquittal of ensign Macumber, to assign their reasons for their first judgment; that those reasons, together with the names of such of the said members, who were for the acquittal, be returned to Congress:

That Mr. McDonald, having a commission of brigadier general from governor Martin, be not exchanged for any officer under the rank of brigadier general in the service either of the United States or of any one of them:

That it be recommended to the legislatures of the United States to appoint gentlemen in their respective states, skilful in physic and surgery, to examine those who offer to serve as surgeons or surgeons mates in the army or navy; and that no surgeon or mate shall hereafter receive a commission or warrant to act as such, in the army or navy, who shall not produce a certificate from some or one of the examiners so to be appointed, to prove that he is qualified to execute the office:

That all regimental surgeons and mates, as well as those of the hospital, be subject to the direction and controul of the directors, in the several departments:

That no soldier be discharged from the service as disabled, unless



less the certificate of disability be countersigned by the director, assistant physician, or first surgeon of the hospital, nor be excused from duty for sickness, unless the certificate of sickness be countersigned by one of those persons, where access may be had to them.

*Resolved*, That the remainder of the said report be postponed.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, *October 1*, 1776.

*Resolved*, That the sum of 60,000 dollars be advanced to Mr. James Mease, for the payment of the militia, and to pay for the articles he is ordered to purchase; he to be accountable.

Whereas, a full representation in Congress of the several United States is highly necessary on business of much importance to America; therefore,

*Resolved*, That the president be desired to write letters to the conventions and assemblies of the respective states, requesting that measures be taken to cause, as speedily as possible, a full representation of the said states in Congress.

Stephen Moylan, Esq; having resigned his office of quartermaster general of the continental army:

*Resolved*, That brigadier general Mifflin be authorized and requested to resume the said office, and that his rank and pay, as brigadier, be still continued to him:

That a committee of four be appointed to confer with brigadier general Mifflin:

The members chosen, Mr. R. H. Lee, Mr. Sherman, Mr. J. Adams and Mr. Gerry.

*Resolved*, That a committee of five be appointed to prepare and bring in a plan of a military academy at the army:

The members chosen, Mr. Hooper, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Wythe, Mr. Williams and Mr. J. Adams.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, *October 2*, 1776.

A letter of the 30th of September from general Washington, with two papers inclosed; one of the 27th of September from S. Moylan; one of the 23d from general Gates; one of the 23d from colonel Wayne; one from brigadier general Mercer, and a petition from Bartholomew Van Heer, were read and referred to the board of war.

*Resolved*, That William Shephard be promoted to the rank of colonel of the regiment, whereof he is now lieutenant colonel.

A petition from John Bayard, Alexander Henderson and Matthew Irwin, was presented to Congress and read; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the board of war be directed to sell to the petitioners,

tioners, 1600 lb. of powder, and 800 lb. of lead, for the use of their privateers, general Lee and colonel Parry.

The committee appointed to confer with brigadier general Mifflin, reported, that, upon the conference, they find the following supplies will be necessary for the use and comfort of the army, which ought to be procured as soon as may be, viz. 200 waggons with four horses each,—50 ox-teams, with 2 oxen each, for sundry uses,—50 drays, with one horse each, for various small services,—100 strong horses for the artillery,—50 horses for expresses and commissary uses,—25,000 bushels of indian corn,—15,000 bushels of oats,—10,000 bushels of rye-meal,—10,000 bushels of spelts,—1800 tons of hay,—50 cutting-boxes,—2000 axes,—2000 wheel and hand-barrows,—8000 cords of wood,—a set of carpenters tools for each regiment,—a waggon-master and one deputy,—20 conductors of waggons on captains pay, allowing 10 waggons for each conductor,—5 conductors for artillery,—100 casks of nails and spikes,—10,000 knapsacks,—10,000 camp-kettles,—two million feet of boards, planks and joists, for barracks, platforms, &c.

That a company of 50 blacksmiths should be immediately sent to camp, 12 harness and collar-makers, and 25 wheelwrights.

*Resolved*, That for these various and necessary supplies, 300,000 dollars be advanced to the quarter-master general:

That one eighth part of a dollar, over and above their soldiers pay, be allowed to such persons as are necessarily draughted for quarter-masters uses:

That as 5000 tents will be necessary for the spring-campaign, they be provided in due time:

That it be recommended to the several states to make legal provision to compel the furnishing of necessary supplies and assistance to the quarter-master general of the continental army, on reasonable terms, for the public use.

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to consider of a plan for providing carriages for the public service, so as any demands may be speedily complied with, and all oppression of private persons effectually prevented:

The members chosen, Mr. Wither Spoon, Mr. Smith and Mr. Huntington.

*Resolved*, That Benjamin Fishbourne be appointed pay-master to the second Pennsylvania battalion commanded by colonel Wood.

A memorial from the council of safety of Pennsylvania was read:

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee of treasury, who are directed to report thereon as soon as possible.

The committee of treasury reported, that there is due,

To George Measam, on account of sundry articles supplied the army in Canada, 9 dollars and forty-seven ninetieths:

*Ordered*, That the said account be paid.

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The committee, to whom the resolutions passed by the convention of New-York were referred, brought in a report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the president write to general Schuyler; and inform him, that Congress cannot consent, during the present situation of their affairs, to accept of his resignation, but request, that he continue the command, which he now holds; that he be assured, that the aspersions, which his enemies have thrown out against his character, have had no influence upon the minds of the members of this house, who are fully satisfied of his attachments to the cause of freedom, and are willing to bear their testimony of the many services, which he has rendered to his country; and that in order effectually to put calumny to silence, they will, at an early day, appoint a committee of their own body to enquire fully into his conduct, which, they trust, will establish his reputation in the opinion of all good men.

*Resolved*, That the limits prescribed in the parole of John Foxcroft and Francis Dashwood, Esquires, be extended as far as the bounds of Pennsylvania, within which they are to confine themselves, till farther orders.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, October 3, 1776.

On application from the council of safety of North-Carolina,

*Resolved*, That Michael Holt, a prisoner in the gaol of Philadelphia, be discharged from his imprisonment, that he may return to his family; he taking the oath prescribed by the said council of safety.

*Resolved*, That Mr. J. Mease be directed to purchase immediately one hundred hogheads of rum, and forward the same to the commissary general for the use of the army.

The board of war brought in a report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the letter from general Mercer, which was received and read yesterday, wherein he recommends colonel Hampton to the command of a regiment in the new army, and captain Dawson to a majority, be referred to the council of safety of Pennsylvania:

That captain Persifer Frazer be commissioned as major of col. Wayne's battalion of the Pennsylvania troops, in the room of major Housfinger promoted.

The committee appointed to repair to the camp, having executed that service, and returned, brought in a report, which was read:

Ordered to lie on the table.

*Resolved*, That Charles Startin be permitted to return to England

land with his wife and family, from any of the United States he thinks proper, except New-York.

The committee of treasury reported, that there is due,  
 To Martin Houfman, for the hire of his waggon and ferriages, with generals Prescot and M'Donald's baggage to Newark, 43 dollars:

To George Campbell, for his own and Mr. Caldwell's and Mr. Tod's expences, as an escort to money from Philadelphia to Albany, 189 dollars and sixty-seven ninetieths:

To John Sparhawk, for quills, &c. for the use of the treasury-office, 27 dollars and eighty-four ninetieths:

To Ludwick Kercher, a balance of 3150 dollars and thirty six ninetieths; the whole of his account amounting to 8483 dollars and sixty-six ninetieths; of which he has received 5333 dollars and thirty ninetieths; the balance is 3150 dollars and thirty-six ninetieths:

*Ordered*, That the said accounts be paid.

Congress took into consideration the report of the board of treasury, on the ways and means for raising a farther sum of money; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That five millions of continental dollars be immediately borrowed for the use of the United States, at the annual interest of four per cent. per annum:

That the faith of the United States be pledged to the lenders for the payment of the sums to be borrowed, and the interest arising thereon, and that certificates be given to the lenders in the form following, viz.

“ The United States of America acknowledge the receipt of — dollars from —, which they promise to pay to the said —, or bearer, on the — day of —, with interest annually, at the rate of four per cent. per annum, agreeable to a resolution of the United States, passed the third day of October, 1776. Witness the hand of the treasurer, this — day of —, A. D.

Counterigned” by the commissioners of one of the loan-offices hereafter mentioned.

That, for the convenience of the lenders, a loan-office be established in each of the United States, and a commissioner to superintend such office be appointed by the said states respectively, which are to be responsible for the faithful discharge of their duty in the said offices:

That the business of the said commissioners shall be to deliver certificates for all such sums of money, as shall be brought into their respective offices agreeable to these resolutions, which certificates shall be indented and the checks kept in the said office — to keep books, in which regular entries shall be made of the sums borrowed and the time when, and the names of the persons, by whom the said sums were lent — to transmit to the continental treasurer



treasurer once a month an account of the cash in their respective offices, and to answer all draughts of the treasurer to the amount of the cash, which they shall at any time have in their hands, as aforesaid :

That the treasurer of the United States shall send to the respective loan offices such a number of certificates and of such denominations as shall be ordered by the commissioners of the treasury :

That no certificate be issued for a less sum than three hundred dollars :

That the several sums of money to be borrowed shall be repaid at the office, where the same was lent at the expiration of three years, and that—the annual interest shall likewise be paid at the said office :

That the said commissioners of the respective loan offices be intitled to receive of the United States, one eighth per cent. on all monies, which shall be brought into their respective loan offices in lieu of all claims and demands, that they may have for transacting the business of the said office.

*Resolved*, That the secret committee be empowered to take such measures as they shall judge necessary for purchasing, arming and equipping a frigate, and two cutters in Europe, and to give proper orders for the said frigate making a cruize in the British channel against our enemies, and for the said cutters to be employed in transporting to these states, such articles, as the said committee have been ordered to import.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed :

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, October 4, 1776.

A petition from the officers and men of the brig Andrew Doria was presented, and read ; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the continental agents in Philadelphia, be directed with all dispatch to make an estimate of the prizes taken by the Andrew Doria, and lay the same before the marine committee for their approbation ; and that the said agents be directed to pay to the officers and men of the Andrew Doria, one half of what may be estimated to be due to them :

That the said agents be farther directed to make an estimate of the stores and prizes taken by the fleet, commanded by commodore Hopkins and brought from Providence, and lay the same before the marine committee for approbation as aforesaid, and pay to the officers and men intitled thereto, one half of what may be estimated to be due to them.

A letter of the 2d and 3d from general Washington, and two of the 25th and 26th September from general Schuyler being received, were read.

Congress

Congress took into consideration the report of the committee sent to head quarters, and after debaté the farther consideration thereof was postponed.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed :

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

SATURDAY, *October 5, 1776.*

A letter of the 23d of September from James Bowdoin, with a copy of resolutions passed by the general assembly of Massachusetts-Bay ; one of the 24th of the same month from the committee of safety of New-Hampshire ; and one of the 3d instant from governor Livingston were read.

*Ordered,* That the letters from general Washington and general Schuyler with the papers inclosed, which were read yesterday, be referred to the board of war :

That the letter from Mr. Bowdoin be referred to the marine committee :

That the letter from governor Livingston be referred to a committee of three, and that the said committee be directed to take into consideration the case of the prisoners in the gaol of Philadelphia.

The members chosen, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Rofs, and Mr. Floyd.

*Ordered,* That the petition of Jacob Sheafe be referred to the commissioners appointed to hear and determine upon the appeal against the sentence on the libel against the ship Elizabeth :

That R. Peters, Esq; be empowered to prosecute the said appeal.

*Resolved,* That the board of war be directed to sell to Joseph Golden 10 lb. of powder.

*Resolved,* That five months pay be advanced to the officers, and three months pay to the men who were taken prisoners in Canada, and sent to these United States by general Carlton.

*Resolved,* That the report of the board of war which was brought in the 14th of September be taken into consideration on Monday next

*Ordered,* That the board of war at that time lay before Congress the papers relative to the dispute between the court-martial, and brigadier-general Arnold.

*Resolved,* That the continental agents be directed to deliver to the commissary general for the use of the army, all the salt in their hands belonging to the continent.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed :

Adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday.

MONDAY, *October 7, 1776.*

*Resolved,* That 8000 dollars be advanced to the committee of Lancaster, for the purpose of defraying the expences of enclosing the

the barracks in that borough with a stockade, and supporting a guard; the said committee to be accountable.

Congress proceeded to the election of a deputy-muster-master-general for the flying camp, in the room of Jon. B. Smith, and the ballots being taken,

William Davies was elected.

A letter of the 14th of September from brigadier-general Moore, and one from John Hanson dated St. Croix, 14th August being received, were read.

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the assemblies and conventions of the United States respectively, to annex such penalties by law to the crime of counterfeiting the certificates or notes of the continental loan office, as are or shall be annexed to the crime of counterfeiting the continental currency.

*Ordered*, That the resolutions for borrowing five millions of dollars, together with the above resolve be published, and copies thereof sent to each of the United States, and that the respective states be desired to send to the committee of the continental treasury the names of the commissioners by them appointed in consequence of the said resolutions.

A petition from James Browne, a prisoner, was laid before Congress and read, praying for leave to return to Ireland, the place of his nativity :

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petition be granted.

General Lee having informed Congress of his arrival in Philadelphia, and that he waited their orders :

*Ordered*, That general Lee attend in Congress.

*Resolved*, That a commissary of prisoners of war be appointed in each of the United States :

That the said commissaries be directed to make monthly returns of the state and condition of the prisoners under their respective care, to the board of war :

That the said commissaries be appointed by the respective states.

Agreeable to order, general Lee attended, and having given an account of the state of affairs in the southern department, he withdrew.

The secret committee informed Congress that they have chartered and loaded in Virginia, the Aurora, late the prize ship called the Oxford, for account of the continent; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the president write to the governor and council of Virginia, and request them to give all the assistance in their power, in manning and dispatching the said ship.

*Resolved*, That Matthias Hite a first lieutenant of the eighth Virginia battalion, have a continental commission in lieu of that which he received from the committee of safety of that state, and that his commission bear date the 19th of February last.

*Resolved*, That general Lee be directed to repair to the camp at Haerlem, with leave, if he thinks proper, to visit the posts in New-Jersey.

The committee appointed to take into consideration the application from the president of South-Carolina, in behalf of general Lee, reported :

That this Congress having a just opinion of the abilities of general Lee, applied to him to accept a command in their service, which he readily agreed to, provided the Congress would indemnify him against any loss, which he might sustain in consequence thereof, he having at that time a considerable sum of money due to him by persons in the kingdom of Great-Britain, which he was resolved to draw from thence as soon as possible. That the Congress unanimously concurred in his proposal : That he accordingly entered into their service ; that he has since drawn bills upon his agent in England, which bills have been returned protested. That general Lee having purchased an estate in Virginia, the purchase money for which has been long due, is likely to sustain by means of the protested bills many injuries, unless this house prevent the same by an advance of thirty thousand dollars ;" whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the sum of 30,000 dollars be advanced to general Lee, upon his giving bond to the treasurer to account for the same, and taking such steps, in conjunction with Robert Morris, Esq; on behalf of the Congress, as will secure the most effectual transfer of his estate in England, to reimburse the Congress for the advance now made to him.

*Ordered*, That the committee, who brought in the foregoing report, prepare a suitable bond.

Congress took into consideration the report of the board of war of the 4th instant ; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That Monsr. Pierre Francois de Bois be commissioned as a major by brevet, and sent to general Mercer, to be employed in such way as he shall think proper :

That Mr. Bartholomew Van Heer's account be referred to the board of treasury.

The committee appointed to inquire into the causes of the miscarriages in Canada, brought in a report :

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

Congress took into consideration the report of the committee on the letters from general Washington of the 24th and 25th of September ; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That as a farther encouragement for gentlemen of abilities, to engage as commission officers in the battalions to be furnished by the several states to serve during the war, their monthly pay be increased, as follows :

A colonel,	75 dollars.
Lieutenant-colonel,	60

A major,



A major,	50 dollars.
Captain,	40
Lieutenant,	27
Ensign,	20
Quarter-Master,	27 and a half.
Adjutant,	40 dollars.

*Resolved*, That the farther consideration of the report be postponed.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed :

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, October 8, 1776.

Two letters of the 4th and 5th from general Washington with sundry papers inclosed ; one of the 4th from the convention of New-York ; one of the 27th of September from the council of Massachusetts-Bay ; one of the 2d instant from John Livingston ; and one from John Heyleger dated St. Croix, 4th of September, were read :

*Ordered*, That the letter from John Heyleger be referred to the board of war ; that the letter from John Livingston be referred to the secret committee, who are directed to send to Mr. Livingston's mill the 10 tons of salt petre sent last winter to Massachusetts-Bay.

Three petitions from sundry prisoners were read, and referred to the committee on the state of the prisoners.

*Resolved*, That a member be added to the said committee.

The member chosen, Mr. Rush.

Whereas it is necessary that the most speedy and effectual measures be taken for raising the new army,

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the assemblies, conventions, and councils of safety of the several states, which have any regiments now in the continental service, either at New-York, Ticonderoga, or New-Jersey, that they forthwith appoint committees to proceed to those places with full powers to appoint all the officers of the regiments to be raised by their states under the new establishment, that such officers may proceed immediately to enlist such men as are now in the service, and incline to reenlist during the war, and that such committees be instructed to advise with the general officers, and promote such officers, as have distinguished themselves for their abilities, activity and vigilance in the service, and especially for their attention to military discipline:

That the said committees be also instructed not to appoint any officer, who has left, or shall leave his station in the army, and is absent without leave from the general or some other officer having authority to grant the same.

*Ordered*, That a copy of the above resolutions be sent to each of the United States.

Congress

Congress resumed the consideration of the reports of the committee on the general's letters, and of that which went to the camp; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That for the farther encouragement of the non-commissioned officers and soldiers, who shall engage in the service, during the war, a suit of cloaths be annually given each of the said officers and soldiers, to consist, for the present year, of two linen hunting shirts, two pair of overalls, a leathern or woollen waistcoat with sleeves, one pair of breeches, a hat or leathern cap, two shirts, two pair of hose and two pair of shoes, amounting in the whole to the value of twenty dollars, or that sum to be paid to each soldier, who shall procure those articles for himself, and produce a certificate thereof, from the captain of the company to which he belongs to the pay-master of the regiment.

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the assemblies and conventions of the respective states from Virginia to New-Hampshire inclusively, to take the most effectual measures for compleating, by the 10th of November, their proportions of the levies to be raised during the war.

As the army has greatly suffered through the defect of some of its regimental officers,

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the assemblies and conventions of the respective states, to use their utmost endeavours, that all the officers to be hereafter appointed, be men of honour and known abilities, without a particular regard to their having before been in service.

*Resolved*, That the farther consideration of the reports be postponed till to-morrow.

The secret committee having informed Congress, that a vessel was arrived with sundry articles by them imported, on account of the continent:

*Ordered*, That the said committee deliver to the board of war such articles as are suitable for the army, and to the marine committee such as are for the navy, and to Mr. J. Mease such as are for cloathing, to be made up for the soldiers.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, October 9, 1776.

Two letters of the 3d from general Schuyler, with sundry papers inclosed, were laid before Congress and read:

*Ordered*, That they be referred to the board of war, and that the letters heretofore received from general Washington, general Schuyler, and the other general officers, be lodged in the war-office.

*Resolved*, That two months pay be advanced to major Pierre Francois de Bois; he to be accountable.

A petition from Jean Baccarere and his partner was read, and referred to the marine committee.

Application

Application being made in behalf of captain Dirks, late from Surinam, to be taken into the service of the continent, as an engineer:

*Resolved*, That he be referred to the board of war.

The committee appointed to prepare the form of a bond to be given by general Lee, for the 30,000 dollars advanced to him, brought in a draught, which was read and agreed to.

Congress resumed the consideration of the report of the committee, who went to the camp; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That no regimental hospitals be for the future allowed in the neighbourhood of the general hospital:

That John Morgan, Esq; provide and superintend a hospital at a proper distance from the camp, for the army posted on the east side of Hudson's river:

That William Shippen, jun. Esq; provide and superintend a hospital for the army, in the state of New-Jersey:

That each of the hospitals be supplied by the respective directors, with such a number of surgeons, apothecaries, surgeons mates and other assistants, and also such quantities of medicines, bedding, and other necessaries, as they shall judge expedient:

That they make weekly returns to Congress and the commander in chief, of the officers and assistants of each denomination, and also the numbers of sick and deceased in their respective hospitals:

That the regimental surgeons be directed to send to the general hospitals such officers and soldiers of their respective regiments, as being confined by wounds or other disorders, shall require nurses or constant attendance, and from time to time to apply to the quarter-master general, or his deputy, for convenient waggons for this purpose; also, that they apply to the directors in their respective departments, for medicines and other necessaries:

That the wages of nurses be augmented to one dollar a week:

That the commanding officer of each regiment be directed once a week to send a commissioned officer to visit the sick of his respective regiment in the general hospital, and report their state to him:

That a commissary of cloathing be appointed for each of the armies of the United States, whose duty shall be to make constant returns to the assemblies or conventions of the respective states, of the cloathing wanted for their several regiments, to receive and pay for the same, to deliver it to the pay-masters of the respective regiments, to be by them distributed to the non commissioned officers and soldiers, and deducted from their wages respectively, unless allowed as a bounty by order of Congress:

That the commissary general be empowered to appoint as many conductors for the commissary of stores, and assistants to the commissary of cloathing, as he shall from time to time judge necessary, and report their names to Congress:

That

That there be a deputy commissary of stores for the army at New-York, with the pay of thirty dollars a month.

*Resolved*, That the farther consideration of the report be postponed 'till to-morrow.

*Ordered*, That the board of war send 300 lb. of powder to col. Mark Bird, to prove the cannon he has made for the United States.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed;

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, *October 10*, 1776.

A petition from captain Daniel Morgan and one from captain Smith, lieutenant Steel, and lieutenant Nichols, late returned from Canada, were read:

*Ordered*, That they be referred to the board of treasury, who are directed to liquidate and settle the accounts inclosed in the said petitions, and to pay or allow for such arms as were lost or taken by the enemy in the assault on Quebec.

A petition from Frederick Seegar was read, praying for leave to resign his office of quarter-master to the German battalion:

*Resolved*, That leave be granted.

A petition from John Melchior Neff, and one from Paul Fooks, were read and referred to the board of war.

The marine committee having recommended captain Abraham Whipple, of the ship Columbus, to the command of the Providence frigate at Rhode-Island:

*Resolved*, That he be promoted accordingly.

The committee farther reported, that they have had under consideration the rank of the captains of the navy, and agreed to a report, which was read; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the rank of the captains be as follows:

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| 1. James Nicholson, of the Virginia, | of | 28            | guns. |
| 2. John Manly,                       | —  | Hancock,      | 32    |
| 3. Hector McNeil,                    | —  | Boston,       | 24    |
| 4. Dudley Saltonstall,               |    | Trumbull,     | 28    |
| 5. Nicholas Biddle,                  | —  | Randolph,     | 32    |
| 6. Thomas Thompson,                  |    | Raleigh,      | 32    |
| 7. John Barry,                       | —  | Effingham,    | 28    |
| 8. Thomas Reed,                      | —  | Washington,   | 32    |
| 9. Thomas Grennall,                  | —  | Congress,     | 28    |
| 10. Charles Alexander,               |    | Delaware,     | 24    |
| 11. Lambert Wickes,                  | —  | Reprisal,     | 16    |
| 12. Abraham Whipple,                 |    | Providence,   | 28    |
| 13. John Hopkins,                    | —  | Warren,       | 32    |
| 14. John Hodge,                      | —  | Montgomery,   | 24    |
| 15. William Hallock,                 | —  | Lexington,    | 16    |
| 16. Hoysted Harker,                  | —  | Hamden,       |       |
| 17. Isaiah Robinson,                 | —  | Andrew Doria, | 14    |

18. John



18. John Paul Jones, of the Providence, of 12 guns.

19. James Josiah, —

20. Elisha Hinman, — Alfred, 28

21. Joseph Olney, — Cabot, 16

22. James Robinson, — Sachem, 10

23. John Young, — Independance, 10

24. Elisha Warner, — Fly,

Lieutenant Baldwin, Wasp, 8

Lieutenant Albertson, Musquito, 4

*Resolved*, That the marine committee be empowered to settle the rank of the lieutenants of the navy.

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to prepare the form of an oath to be taken by the officers of the army and navy:

The members chosen, Mr. Wythe, Mr. Stone, and Mr. Paine.

The board of war brought in a report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That general Schuyler be directed to take such steps as are necessary for procuring a sufficient number of as large vessels as the navigation of the lakes will admit of, for the service of the states the next campaign, that the command of the lakes may be effectually secured:

That William Patten be appointed third lieutenant in colonel Hand's regiment, in the place of lieutenant Clark resigned:

That the regimental pay-masters, in the army of the United States, have the rank of first lieutenants, and receive rations as captains:

That general Washington be directed to negotiate with general Howe an exchange of the officers returned from Canada, and that they have a preference to those taken on New-York island and Long-Island:

That general Washington be directed, if he shall judge it necessary, to sink the new ships mentioned in his letter of the 5th instant.

*Resolved*, That the farther consideration of the report be postponed.

The committee, to whom was referred the case of William Faulkner, brought in a report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That William Faulkner, a prisoner confined at Reading, be permitted to return to his family in Tryon county, upon giving his parole.

The committee appointed to devise a plan for providing carriages, &c. brought in a report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the quarter-masters in every department be ordered to avoid pressing horses and carriages as much as possible; and

and when it is necessary, that they be directed to go to the country houses for that purpose, and discharge, as soon as the service will admit, such horses and carriages so impressed; and that no violence whatever be done to any persons, their horses or carriages, who go to the camp of their own accord, to sell provisions, or other necessaries of any kind.

On application from the council of safety of Pennsylvania was laid before Congress and read, desiring that a committee of Congress may be appointed to confer with a committee of their body, on the expediency of having troops stationed near the city of Philadelphia, for the defence of Pennsylvania.

*Ordered*, That the board of war confer with the committee of the council of safety, on the subject proposed.

A petition from William Mackay was read, praying for leave to return home:

*Ordered*, That the prayer of the petition be granted.

*Resolved*, That the following promotions and appointments be made in the Virginia battalions, viz.

William Crawford, colonel of the 7th; commission to be dated the 14th of August:

Josiah Parker, lieutenant colonel of the 5th; commission to be dated the 13th of August:

Thomas Elliott, colonel of the 4th; commission to be dated the 3d of September:

James Hendricks, lieutenant colonel of the 6th; commission to be dated the 13th of August:

John Markham, major of the 2d; commission to be dated the 13th of August:

John Seayres, major of the 4th; commission to be dated the 13th of August:

George Johnston, major of the 5th; commission to be dated the 13th of August:

Richard Parker, jun. major of the 6th; commission to be dated the 13th of August:

William Taliaferro, major of the 3d; commission to be dated the 13th of August:

John Taylor, captain in the 1st:

John Chilton, captain in the 3d;

John Blackwell, first lieutenant in do.

Joseph Blackwell, second lieutenant in do.

John Ashby, captain in the 3d;

William Neilson, first lieutenant;

Isham Keith, 2d do.

Nathaniel Ashby, ensign in do.

Charles Read, an ensign, in the room of Robert Dade.

*Resolved*, That commissions be made out to all the officers of the regiments in the service of the United States, who have been appointed

pointed in the places of others resigning and promoted, and bear dates the days on which the resignations and promotions were respectively made.

A memorial from George Measam was presented to Congress and read:

Ordered to lie on the table.

*Resolved*, That three members be added to the committee of cloathing, in the room of those who are absent:

The members chosen, Mr. Wither Spoon, Mr. Stone and Mr. Penn.

Congress took into consideration the report of the board of war of the 19th of September; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the inhabitants of Canada, captivated by the United States, and not taken in arms, be released and sent home, except St. Luke La Corne and Monf. Rouville, the elder, upon this condition, that they sign a parole not to take up arms against the United States, nor give intelligence to the enemies of these states:

That a register be kept of their names.

*Ordered*, That the board of war deliver gunpowder for proving cannon made for the United States, upon application to them for that purpose.

The committee of treasury reported, that there is due,

To Joseph Donaldson, for supplies to recruits to general Lee's guard, and provisions to captain Grier's company, and a guard with powder to Virginia, 20 dollars and sixty-ninetieths:

To William Faulkner, a prisoner sent by general Schuyler to Reading, for his allowance from the 9th of April to the 7th of October inclusive, 26 weeks, at 2 dollars, 52 dollars:

To captain Hazlewood, captain Greenway and Mr. Bedford, a balance of 267 dollars and ten ninetieths, their whole account of charge for preparing six sail of fire-ships at New-York, and their expences going to, in and coming from New-York to Philadelphia, being 392 dollars and ten ninetieths; of which they have received from S. Moylan, Esq; quarter-master general, 125 dollars; the remainder is 267 dollars and ten ninetieths:

*Ordered*, That the said accounts be paid.

*Resolved*, That to-morrow be assigned for appointing the commissaries of cloathing and deputy commissary of stores.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, October 11, 1776.

Two letters of the 7th and 8th from general Washington, with sundry papers inclosed, were read; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the release of Monf. de Chambault, as proposed by general Washington, on the request of the count D'Emery,

governor general of the French port of St. Domingo, be agreed to:

That the general's letters with the papers inclosed be referred to the board of war.

*Resolved*, That general Washington be desired, if it be practicable, by every art and whatever expence to obstruct effectually the navigation of the North river, between fort Washington and mount Constitution, as well to prevent the regrefs of the enemies frigates lately gone up, as to hinder them from receiving succours.

The secret committee informed Congress that a vessel was arrived at Rhode-Island, with fundry articles imported by their order, for account of the United States.

*Ordered*, That the secret committee report in what manner the said goods ought in their opinion to be disposed of.

*Resolved*, That Mr. S. Collins be requested to order the tents fit for use, which belonged to William Barrel lately deceased, to be delivered to J. Mease for the army, and that the amount thereof, be paid by Mr. Mease on application of Mr. Collins, or other person properly authoris'd for that purpose.

*Ordered*, That the marine committee deliver over to the direction of the committee of secret correspondence, two of the continental cruisers now ready for sea, to perform such voyages as they shall think necessary for the service of the states:

That the marine committee give orders to the remainder of the continental cruisers now in the port of Philadelphia, and ready for sea, to proceed on such voyages, or perform such immediate services as the secret committee shall direct, in writing addressed to the commanders thereof.

*Resolved*, That three members be added to the committee of secret correspondence.

The members chosen, Mr. R. H. Lee, Mr. Witherspoon, and Mr. Hooper.

The marine committee to whom was referred the account of captain Martindale, brought in a report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That there be paid to captain Sion Martindale the sum of 144 dollars and eighteen ninetieths, in full of expences and disbursements on the brig Washington, and other expences from Halifax to Casco-Bay.

The committee of treasury reported that Edward Snikers of Virginia, produced an account of rifles and other articles, furnished for the use of colonel Stevenson's battalion, amounting to £ 347: 4: 0, Virginia currency, of which captain Abraham Sheppard is to account for £ 67: 15: 0, and the remainder being £ 279: 9: 0, to be charged to the said battalion; that the said Snikers give credit for £ 64: 16: 0, money aforesaid, received from colonel Stevenson the ballance due to the said Snikers, being

£ 282:



£ 282 : 8 : 0, equal to 941 dollars and thirty ninetieths, to be paid to Thomas Rutherford :

That William Brady of colonel Stevenson's battalion, drew an order on colonel Valentine Crawford, one of the executors of the late colonel Stevenson, for the use of the said battalion, for the sum of 150 dollars, which order was paid by the said V. Crawford, and that he ought to be reimbursed the same, which is to be charged to the said Brady :

That they have had under consideration the accounts of captain Daniel Morgan, amounting with his own and three lieutenants pay, the loss of rifles when he was taken at the storm of Quebec, expences of recruiting his company, repairing guns which he is charged with and ought to be allowed, in the whole to 1389 dollars and eighty ninetieths :

That the said Morgan credits the several charges against him in the continental books, amounting to 1614 dollars and eighth and a half ninetieths; by which there appears to be a ballance due to the public of 224 dollars and eighteen and a half ninetieths ;

*Ordered*, That the said accounts be paid and credited, agreeable to the said report.

A petition from William Jenkins was read and referred to the board of treasury.

*Resolved*, That general Washington be empowered to appoint a deputy commissary of stores for the army near New-York.

The committee appointed to prepare the form of an oath, to be taken by the officers of the army and navy, brought in the same, which was read.

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

*Resolved*, That a member be added to the marine committee, in the room of Mr. Hopkins:

The member chosen, Mr. Ellery.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed :

Adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday.

MONDAY, October 14, 1776.

A letter of the 12th from general Lee; one of the 10th from general Mercer; one of the 30th September from general Gates; one of the 1st instant from Jos. Trumbull, advising that he has drawn on the president in favour of Thos. Lowry, for 60,000 dollars; and one of the 7th from general Washington inclosing a letter from Dr. Morgan, were read.

*Ordered*, That the letters from generals Lee and Mercer, be referred to the board of war :

That the letter from Dr. Morgan be referred to the medical committee.

A petition from Francis Mentges was read and referred to the board of war.

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The board of war to whom were referred the letters from general Washington of the 7th and 8th instant, brought in a report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That general Washington be informed the Congress approve of his appointing P. Penett his aid de camp by brevet, and that a commission of aid de camp be accordingly transmitted to him:

That the several states in which prisoners have been lodged, be desired to furnish Congress with an account of such expences as have been incurred by the said states, respectively on account of the said prisoners:

That the sum of five hundred thousand dollars be immediately sent to the paymaster-general, that he may be enabled to pay the bounty to such of the troops as shall reenlist, to serve during the war.

*Resolved*, That the farther consideration of the report be postponed.

The committee appointed to hear and determine upon the appeal brought against the sentence passed on the libel Joshua Wentworth, v. the ship Elizabeth, reports as follows:

“ Joshua Wentworth, Esq; for and in behalf as well of the United States of America, as of John Manly, Daniel Waters and John Ayres, commanders; and the officers, marines and mariners, of the three armed vessels *Hancock*, *Lee* and *Lynch* in the service of the said states, having exhibited a libel before Joshua Brackett, Esq; judge of the court maritime of the state of New-Hampshire, against the brigantine Elizabeth, commanded by Peter Ramsay, and her cargo, and Richard Hart of Portsmouth in New-Hampshire, owner of the said brigantine, and William Jackson and others of Boston in the state of Massachusetts-Bay, owners of sundry goods and merchandize on board of her, having put in their several claims thereto, and the said judge of the court aforesaid, having on the 21st day of August, in the year of our Lord 1776, decreed and ordered the said brigantine, and so much of her cargo as was claimed to be restored to the respective claimants, and that the claimants recover their legal costs of court, from which decree and sentence the said Joshua Wentworth appealed to Congress.

The committee of Congress to whom it was referred to hear and determine the said appeal, have diligently inspected the proceedings and heard the parties by their counsels, and it appearing that on the 1st day of October, in the year of our Lord 1775, general Gage, commander in chief of the British forces then in Boston in the state of Massachusetts-Bay, by his commission to Crean Brush, Esq; directed him to receive into his care all such goods, chattels, and effects of the inhabitants of that town, some of whom had departed from it, as might be voluntarily delivered into his charge by the owners or by other persons with whom they were left stay-  
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ing his receipt for them, and to deliver them to the owners, when he should be required; that on the 10th day of March then following, general Howe, who had succeeded general Gage in the command of the British forces by his commission to the said Crean Brush, reciting that as he was informed there were large quantities of goods in Boston, which if in the possession of the rebels (as he termed the Americans) might enable them to carry on war, and that he had given notice to all loyal inhabitants to remove such goods from thence, and that those who would not remove them or deliver them to the care of the said Crean Brush, would be considered as abettors of rebels, required him to take into his possession all such goods as answered that description, and give certificates to the owners that he had received them for their use, and would deliver them to the owners, unavoidable accidents excepted, and to seize any such goods, as upon inquiry should be found secreted or left in stores, and put them on board of the Minerva ship, or brigantine Elizabeth. That thereupon the said Crean Brush, assisted by other persons, took into his possession the goods of the claimants amongst others, and put them into the said brigantine Elizabeth and other vessels in the harbour of Boston, without the knowledge of some of the owners, and without the consent of all the others, unless it be William Jackson and James Jackson, of whose consent however there are no other proofs than that one of them went with his goods and watched there on the wharf from whence they were shipped, and that the other was a passenger in the said brigantine Elizabeth in her voyage towards Halifax. That the said Crean Brush, by certificates under his hands, acknowledged several parcels of the goods to be in his custody, and engaged to preserve them safely, to make up exact invoices thereof, and with the approbation of the commander in chief, to return them to the owners. That on the 29th day of March afterwards, the said Peter Ramsay, by orders from admiral Shulldham of the British fleet, given about eight days before, went on board the said brigantine Elizabeth, into which some of the claimants goods had been shifted from the other vessels, and the same day between the hours of three and four in the afternoon, sailed with her under convoy of the British ship of war Niger, for Halifax in Nova Scotia, and that on the Tuesday following, the said John Manly in the Hancock coming up with the said brigantine Elizabeth, which had in the mean time parted from her convoy, fired a broadside at her, which was returned by a volley of small arms, when the said Daniel Waters in the Lee, and the said John Ayres in the Lynch, joining the said John Manly, the said Peter Ramsay struck, it being about four or five of the clock in the afternoon, and the said brigantine was seized and carried into Piscataqua river in New-Hampshire; whereupon the committee, after mature deliberation are of opinion, that the said brigantine Elizabeth, is not comprehended in the description



scription of vessels, which with their cargoes by the resolutions of Congress of the 25th day of November last, may be forfeited, not being an armed or a transport vessel, employed in the present war against the United States, nor carrying provisions or other necessities to the British army or navy, within any of the United Colonies; and that the cases of recaptures mentioned in the resolution of Congress of the fifth day of December last, adjusting the proportions of salvage, those cases only were intended in which the vessels and their cargoes remaining in possession of the enemy, might by the law of nations be condemned as prize, which is conceived not to be the case with the said brigantine Elizabeth and her cargo; but that notwithstanding it was the duty of the recaptors to recover the said brigantine and her cargo, and that the owners who otherwise might, and probably would have lost their whole property, ought to make a reasonable satisfaction; and that therefore the said sentence is erroneous, and ought to be reversed and annulled; That the said brigantine Elizabeth and such parts of her cargo as were claimed in the said court maritime, be restored to the respective claimants, upon their paying to the United States and the recaptors one twelfth part of the value thereof, to be determined by the appraisement of appraisers on oath appointed by the judge of the said court: That the residue of the cargo be sold, and the proceeds after deducting the like proportion and for the same uses, retained for the persons who shall hereafter prove their right to the same; that William Burk commander, and the marines and mariners of the Warren, an armed vessel in the service of the United States, who claimed a part of the said brigantine Elizabeth and her cargo, as being joint captors, are not intitled to a share of the salvage, it not appearing that they were present or in sight at the time of the recapture: And that the appellants recover against the claimants their costs as well in the said court maritime, as in the prosecution of their appeal here; and that the cause be sent back to the said court maritime, for that court to proceed in carrying this sentence into execution."

And the said report being read, was agreed to.

*Resolved*, That such part of the twelfth adjudged in the foregoing report to be paid in lieu of salvage, as belongs to the United States, be released, and given up to the owners of the goods.

The committee on the state of the prisoners brought in a report, which was read:

Ordered to lie on the table.

The board of treasury, for the more regular settlement of accounts, proposed sundry queries to Congress; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That no allowance be made to officers for any arms lost or taken from them by the enemy:

That no officer holding two appointments in the continental army be paid for more than one, after notice was given to the commanders



commanders of the respective armies, of the resolution of Congress against officers holding double commissions.

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to devise ways and means for supplying the treasury with a farther sum of money:

The members chosen, Mr. R. H. Lee, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Hall.

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to consider what is to be done with negroes taken by vessels of war, in the service of the United States:

The members chosen, Mr. Wilson, Mr. R. H. Lee and Mr. Huntington.

*Resolved*, That 600 dollars be advanced to Mr. R. Erwin, wagon-master; he to be accountable.

*Resolved*, That the board of war be directed to order the Virginia troops, on their march to New-York, to halt at Trenton, till farther orders.

*Resolved*, That the colonels of the New-Jersey militia make out regular pay-rolls of such of the troops as have been under their command, when called into the continental service, and have not been paid by the convention of the said state:

That such rolls be attested by the oaths of the commanding officer and captains of the respective regiments, and paid by warrants on the pay-master there by general Mercer or the commanding officer in that department; he paying due attention to the resolutions of Congress transmitted herewith:

That one penny a mile be allowed, in lieu of rations, to such men as have paid their expences while on their march to and from the camp, from and to their respective homes.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

#### TUESDAY, October 15, 1776.

A letter of the 11th, 12th and 13th, from general Washington; one of the 10th from general Lee; one of the 10th from general Schuyler; one of the same date from general Green; one of the 9th from Jos. Trumbull; one of the 4th from Seth Warner, and one of the same date from brigadier general Lewis, were read:

*Ordered*, That the letters from general Washington and general Lee and Mr. Trumbull be referred to the board of war:

That the letter from general Green be referred to the medical committee, and the letter from general Lewis to the board of treasury.

Application being made to Congress by John Foxcroft, Esq; for leave to go to New York, to remove his family from the horrors of war, and relieve them from the distress in which they are at present involved:

*Resolved*, That leave be granted him upon giving his parole to the

the board of war; but he is not to set out on his journey before next week.

The board of war brought in a report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That general Gates be informed, that Congress have it not in their power at present to supply him with the artillery he desires, but will procure such as soon as possible:

That two independant companies, consisting of fifty men each, be immediately raised to be commanded by lieutenant Whitcombe, who should be appointed captain commandant; that he nominate the officers of the said two companies, who are to be appointed, when approved of by the commanding officer in the northern department.

*Resolved*, That the farther consideration of the report be postponed.

William Davis, who was appointed deputy muster-master general of the flying camp, having requested leave to resign that commission:

*Resolved*, That leave be granted, and that to-morrow be assigned for appointing a deputy muster-master general for the flying camp.

*Resolved*, That 27 dollars be advanced to the captain of the guard appointed to attend the waggons carrying goods to Ticonderoga.

The committee of treasury reported, that there is due to the following persons the sum of 913 dollars and forty-three ninetieths; for which an order is to be drawn in favour of Thomas Armour, viz.

To Peter Schlemmer, for victualling the militia on their march to New-Jersey,	_____	Dollars 43.42	Ninet,
To Frederic Rummel, for ditto,	— —	65.49	
To William Thompson, victualling general Lee's guard,	_____	50.71	
To Elizabeth Kuntz, victualling militia, &c.	_____	64.51	
To George Stahe, for ditto,	— —	86.54	
To Adam Gartner, ditto, and sick foldiers,	_____	260.86	
To sundries for supplying the militia and general Lee's guard,	_____	47.49	
To Elizabeth Robinson, for ditto,	_____	12.48	
To Andrew Nebbenger, for ditto,	— —	39.86	
To Godlup Zegel, for ditto to gen. Lee's guard,	_____	9.19	
To Zacharias Sturgent, for ditto,	_____	8.67	
To Martin Brenesey, for ditto,	— —	40.	
To Frederick Rumble, for ditto,	_____	72.33	
To Jacob Bushong, for ditto,	— —	58.27	
To Daniel Kyser, for ditto,	_____	29.66	
To And. Horzeg, for repairing arms of ditto,	_____	23.15	

The whole amounting to — Dollars 913.43 Ninet.

To

To Baltzar Spangler, and to be paid to Thomas Armour, for victualling a part of general Lee's guard, nursing in the small-pox, &c. at York town, and for provisions to militia, 158 dollars and twelve ninetieths:

To lieutenant Francis Nichols, of the late captain Hendricks's company, for two months pay extraordinary to the following officers, viz.

To the late capt. Hendricks killed at the assault			
of Quebec,	_____	_____	Dollars 53.30 Ninet.

To lieutenant John McClelland, who died on the			
march to ditto,	_____	_____	36

To the said lieutenant Nichols,	_____	_____	36
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For the use of the executors of capt. Hendricks's			
insisting money, when the company was raised, 85			
at 1 dollar and one third each,	_____	_____	113.30

The whole amounting to	_____	_____	238.60
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That there should be advanced to lieutenant Francis Nichols, for the purpose of paying the soldiers of his company returned from Quebec, the sum of 1753 dollars and thirty ninetieths, until he can settle the accounts of the company; for which he is to be charged:

*Ordered*, That the said sums be paid.

*Resolved*, That two members be added to the committee of treasury:

The members chosen, Mr. Wythe and Mr. Smith.

The secret committee brought in a report on the distribution of the cargo lately arrived at Providence, Rhode-Island, in the brig Happy Return; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That a copy of the invoice of the cloths and blankets be sent to general Mifflin, quarter-master general, with an order to Messrs. Browns of Rhode-Island, to deliver the whole to his order, and that it be recommended to the said quarter-master general to have the cloths immediately made up for the soldiers either in Rhode-Island, Connecticut, or by the taylor's in the army; as may be thought best by general Washington and himself:

That Messrs. Browns be directed to deliver to the continental agent, at Rhode-Island, the remaining part of the cargo, with orders to apply the lead, bullets, flints, muskets and powder, to the use of the continental frigates and cruizers, or such part thereof as may be wanted for that service, and the rest to remain for future orders:

That the said agent be directed to buy as much good fat beef and pork as can be cured by the salt in his possession, for the use of the navy:

That the agent be directed to forward the sulphur of the said cargo to the powder-mills in Connecticut and Rhode-Island, and

the five tons of saltpetre formerly sent by Congress from Philadelphia to Rhode-Island, from thence to the powder-mills of Messrs. Livingston and Wisner, on the North River, in the state of New-York, to be manufactured into gunpowder, for the continental service.

*Resolved*, That 40,000 dollars be sent to R. Dallam, Esq; deputy pay-master general, for the use of the flying camp and militia; he to be accountable.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed:  
Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, October 16, 1776.

A letter of the 9th from E. Pendleton, speaker of the assembly of Virginia; one of the 11th from T. Jefferson, were read:

Also, a letter of the 12th from Jos. Trumbull, wherein he informs Congress, that he has impowered Carpenter Wharton to purchase salt to the westward of New-Jersey, and as much pork, for the use of the army, as salt can be had for, and requests that Mr. Wharton may be supplied with such sums of money as may be necessary for this purpose, and charged to the accounts of him the said J. Trumbull:

*Resolved*, That Mr. Wharton be supplied accordingly.

*Resolved*, That 16,803 dollars and six ninetieths be paid to brigadier general Mifflin or order, and charged to the account of Jon. Trumbull, jun. Esq; deputy pay-master general in the northern department; the same being in full of a draught in his favour, by John Pierce, assistant pay-master, in behalf of the said Jon. Trumbull, dated Albany, October 7, 1776, for so much stopped for him from the pay of the several regiments at Ticonderoga, by the said pay-master.

Congress proceeded to the election of a commissary of cloathing for the northern army, and the ballots being taken,

George Measam was elected.

*Resolved*, That George Measam be allowed the pay and rations of a major in the continental service.

*Resolved*, That the commander in chief of the northern department appoint suitable persons to appraise on oath, and deliver to the said commissary, all articles of cloathing there, belonging to the United States, and transmit his receipts, with the appraisement, to the treasury office in Philadelphia:

That the said commissary employ suitable persons to make the cloathing, and add to the appraised value of the goods, the charges of making; and that he deliver the same to the regimental pay-masters, agreeable to the orders he may receive from the commander aforesaid.

*Resolved*, That general Washington be impowered to appoint a commissary of cloathing for the army under his immediate command,



mand, and that he be also impowered to appoint a deputy muster-master for the flying camp.

*Resolved*, That one ton of powder be sent to North Carolina for the use of the continental forces in that state.

A letter of the 1st of October from John Roche was read :

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the marine committee, and that they do therein what they shall think proper.

Congress took into consideration the report of the committee on the state of the prisoners ; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That William Livingston, Esq. governor of New-Jersey be informed that Congress have considered his letter relative to certain prisoners confined in Somerset jail, and being unacquainted either with their characters, or the causes of their being apprehended, request him to inquire into the same, and report to Congress their names and characters :

That soldiers and sailors confined in jail be hereafter allowed one dollar and one-third, a week ; the allowance of one dollar being found insufficient to support them comfortably.

*Resolved*, That the remainder of the report be recommitted.

The marine committee to whom was referred the petition of B. Marshall and Brothers, and certain propositions from the state of Massachusetts-Bay, brought in their report, which was taken into consideration ; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That what relates to B. Marshall and Brothers be postponed to Wednesday the 23d instant.

*Resolved*. That it be recommended to the general court of Massachusetts-Bay, to give the continental agent the full weight of their influence to make the frigate Hancock ready for sea immediately ; that whatever expence shall accrue to the state of Massachusetts-Bay either for procuring guns or other stores for fitting the said frigate, shall be reimbursed on demand ; and that in directing the cruize of the said frigate the Congress will pay all the regard to the protection of the commerce of Massachusetts-Bay, that the zeal of that state in the common cause justly intitles it to.

A petition from captain C. Roberts was read, and referred to Mr. Walton, Mr. Hopkinson, and Mr. F. L. Lee, who are directed to inquire into the facts therein set forth, and report to Congress.

A memorial from the chevalier d'Antignac was read, and referred to the board of war.

A memorial from colonel D. Campbell was read ; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the commanding officer in the northern department be desired to confirm or disapprove the sentence of the court martial on col. D. Campbell, as he upon mature judgment shall think proper, and report to Congress.

Whereas sundry prizes have been heretofore taken by the cruizers fitted out by general Washington at the continental expence,  
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and on continental account, and no accounts thereof have yet been rendered by the agents who received and sold the said prizes; and whereas a just distribution of such shares of the said prizes as are due to the officers and men, agreeable to the rules and regulations of Congress, ought to be made;

*Resolved*, That the marine committee be empowered to order such distribution of the said prize money amongst the parties interested therein; and that they recover from the said agents the continental share of all the said prizes:

That the present continental agents do account with the marine committee from time to time, for the continental share of all prizes received and sold by them, and that they pay the amount of such prizes to the order of the said committee:

That the said agents make just distributions of the shares in all prizes, that appertain to the officers and crews of the continental ships of war, agreeable to the rules and regulations of Congress, as soon after the sales of each prize as possible:

That the marine committee apply all the prize money they receive from the agents to the service of the marine department, and hereafter render accounts thereof to Congress:

That the marine committee report from time to time all sums of money they receive for prizes to the treasury, in order that the same may be charged to their account in the treasury books.

The committee of treasury reported that there is due,

To capt. Sion Martindale and lieutenant Moses Turner, for their pay and rations from the 1st of January to the 14th of October, 1776, the sum of 572 dollars, and seventy-six ninetieths.

*Ordered*, That the said account be paid.

The several matters to this day referred being postponed;

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

#### THURSDAY, October 17. 1776.

A petition from Henry Keppele was laid before Congress and read, setting forth, that he hath entered an appeal against the sentence passed on the ship Charming Peggy, and praying that a convenient day may be assigned for hearing the said appeal;

*Resolved*, That a committee of five be appointed with full power to hear and determine upon said appeal:

The members chosen, Mr. Huntington, Mr. Paine, Mr. Wythe, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Wilson.

*Resolved*, That a committee of four be appointed to review such of the resolutions of Congress as relate to the capture and condemnation of prizes, and report what alterations or additions should be made respecting the same:

The members chosen, Mr. Wythe, Mr. Rutledge, Mr. Paine, and Mr. Huntington.

A petition from Carpenter Wharton was read;

*Resolved*,

*Resolved*, That it be referred to the council of safety of Pennsylvania.

*Resolved*, That a commissary be appointed to supply the battalion commanded by colonel Mackay with provisions; the ballots being taken,

Ephraim Blaine, Esq; was elected.

*Resolved*, That Francis Lewis, junr. be permitted to go to the state of New-York with Mr. Foxcroft.

The committee to whom the report on the state of the prisoners in the jail of Philadelphia was recommitted, brought in a farther report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the prisoners from North-Carolina be permitted to return to their families, if the convention of that state shall be of opinion they may so do, without danger to that or any other of the United States; and in the mean time that bedding, blankets, and other necessaries be furnished the gaoler by Mr. Mease, for the use of such prisoners as are unprovided with them:

That captain M<sup>c</sup>Kenzie be permitted to apply to the state of North-Carolina for liberty to return there, and in the mean time, that he be allowed ten dollars to bear his expences to Lancaster county:

That lieutenant M<sup>c</sup>Clean, an half pay officer taken in Canada, be permitted to reside at Reading on his parole.

*Resolved*, That a committee of intelligence be appointed to select and report such authentic accounts as are from time to time received by Congress of the state of the armies and navy of the United States, as they shall judge proper to be published by authority of Congress:

The members chosen, Mr. Rush, Mr. R. H. Lee, and Mr. Hopkinson.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a plan for the better regulating the treasury board:

The members chosen, Mr. Gerry, Mr. Livingston, and Mr. Hopkinson.

Mr. Duché having by letter informed the president that the state of his health, and his parochial duties were such, as obliged him to decline the honor of continuing chaplain to Congress,

*Resolved*, That the president return the thanks of this house to the reverend Mr. Duché, for the devout and acceptable manner in which he discharged his duty during the time he officiated as chaplain to it; and that one hundred and fifty dollars be presented to him, as an acknowledgment from the house of his services.

The committee of treasury reported that there is due,

To captain A. H. Brice for his allowance as an officer prisoner, from 19th April to 17th October 1776, inclusive, being 26 weeks, at 2 dollars a week, 52 dollars:

To

To captain Thomas Hesketh for his allowance from 20th July to 19th October, 13 weeks, at 2 dollars a week, 26 dollars:

To George Haas for the hire of his waggon and his expences with money from Philadelphia to Boston the sum of 131 dollars and twenty-four ninetieths:

To colonel Haussegger for the expences of himself and two prisoners from Ticonderoga to Philadelphia, 57 dollars and nine ninetieths:

To captain Matthew Smith to be paid to lieutenant Archibald Steel, for inlisting his company consisting of 80 men, at 1 dollar and one third each, 106 dollars and sixty ninetieths:

That they have examined the accounts exhibited by lieutenant Archibald Steel of captain Smith's company, for the pay of 34 officers, and of adjutant Chrillian Febiger taken prisoners at Quebec, amounting to 1575 dollars and thirty ninetieths, (exclusive of the pay of one serjeant, one corporal and twelve privates who enlisted in the service of the king of Great-Britain, amounting to 476 dollars and sixty ninetieths, which is retained) of which he received from Mr. J. Mease the sum of 314 dollars and thirty ninetieths, which leaves a ballance due to the said Steel of 1261 dollars.

That there is due, to George Steyer for linens furnished, and to be charged to captain John Nelson for the use of his company, 24 dollars:

To Adam Zantzingger for the hire of two waggons and the expence of an escort of light horse with money from Philadelphia to the camp near New-York, 150 dollars and sixty ninetieths:

To William Clayton for provisions supplied militia on their march to New-Jersey, 24 dollars and twenty-seven ninetieths:

To John Bates for 499 camp kettles delivered by him to Gustavus Risberg, assistant to the deputy quarter master general, 665 dollars and thirty ninetieths:

To William Bentley to be paid to colonel Stricker for provisions supplied the Virginia troops on their march, 17 dollars and fifty-four ninetieths:

To Joseph Bentley for provisions supplied the militia and flying camp on their march to New-Jersey, 19 dollars and seventy-two ninetieths:

To Nicholas Bazin, a Canadian prisoner, for his allowance from 3d March to 17th October, is 32 weeks and five sevenths, at 2 dollars a week, 65 dollars and thirty-eight ninetieths.

*Ordered*, That the said accounts be paid.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, *October 18, 1776.*

The board of war brought in a report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon,

*Resolved*,



*Resolved*, That Thaddeus Kosciuszko be appointed an engineer in the service of the United States, with the pay of sixty dollars a month, and the rank of colonel.

The committee to whom the petition of colonel M. Hazen was referred, brought in their report, which was read.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday.

MONDAY, October 21, 1776.

A letter of the 14th and 17th from R. Harrison the general's secretary; one of the 18th from general Washington inclosing the copy of a letter from general Arnold and other papers; two of the 17th and 19th from general Mercer; and one from Kenneth Hankanson, captain of a vessel stranded on the Jersey shore, were laid before Congress and read.

*Ordered*, That they be referred to the board of war.

A letter of the 13th, from R. Dallam was also read; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That 19740 dollars be paid to Gustavus Rifberg, assistant to the deputy-quarter-master-general for the flying camp, and charged to the account of the said R. Dallam:

That 500,000 dollars be sent to Jon. Trumbull, Esq; deputy-paymaster-general for the northern department:

That 2000 dollars be advanced to the delegates of North-Carolina, and charged to that state.

A letter of the 5th from colonel James Easton was read.

The secret committee having informed Congress that a vessel was arrived in New-Hampshire with a cargo on account of the continent, among which was a quantity of flints; it was thereupon,

*Resolved*, That the secret committee be directed to order 30,000 of the said flints to general Schuyler for the use of the army in the northern department, and the remainder to general Washington, for the use of the army under his immediate command.

A letter of the 20th from general Green was read:

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the board of war, and that they be directed to apply to the council of safety of Pennsylvania for the loan of as many cartridges as they can spare, which are to be sent with all possible dispatch to general Washington, and that they take the most effectual measures to have a sufficient quantity of cartridges made up in Philadelphia, and forwarded to general Washington.

*Resolved*, That the powder in the magazine be kept for the public service.

Congress being informed that there is at the lead mines in Virginia, a quantity of lead for the use of the continent,

*Resolved*, That the board of war be directed to give orders to have it brought to Philadelphia.

A memorial

A memorial from Monf. Dorre was presented to Congress and read:

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the marine committee.

A letter of the 20th from R. Harrison, inclosing copies of letters from general Gates and general Arnold of the 15th, and of one from general Schuyler of the 16th; also one of the 16th from general Schuyler, and one of the 19th from the convention of New-York, being received, were read:

*Ordered*, That they be referred to the board of war.

The board of war brought in a report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the deputy commissary-general in Virginia be directed to make contracts for the supply of the troops in that department, provided they can be made at a rate not exceeding eight-pence Virginia currency a ration; the contractors to have the use of the public waggons on any motion or march of the army, from the place or places where stationed:

That the commander in chief of each department be impowered at the instance of the commissary-general or his deputies to employ as many persons under him or them, at such salary or wages as he shall think adequate, and as he may think the service from time to time requires:

That the rations allowed to the several officers on the staff in the army of the United States, not heretofore settled, be as follows, and that the deputy commissary of Virginia be informed thereof;

To the deputy commissary general	6 rations.
deputy quarter master general	6 do.
deputy pay master general	6 do.
deputy adjutant general	6 do.
deputy muster master general	6 do.
deputy judge advocate	6 do.
chaplain	3 do.
regimental surgeon	3 do.
surgeon's mate	2 do.

That the deputy commissary-general of Virginia be allowed his reasonable travelling charges, to be settled by the treasury board.

The committee of treasury reported that they have examined the following accounts paid by John Gibson, Esq; auditor-general, by order of the board, amounting to 687 dollars and twenty-seven ninetieths; of which he received by the president's warrant, 500 dollars, and there remains due to him 187 dollars and twenty-seven ninetieths:

*Dollars. Ninetieths.*

For parchment for the use of the treasury-office,	2	
George Hofnagle's account for 15 of the militia,	1	45
John Sparhawk's account for quills, paper-books,		

&c.

&c. for the use of the commissioners sent		
to Albany, — —	40	
Henry Deering's account for enter-		
taining militia, — —	16	18
Andrew Smith's account for ditto,	12	78
Joseph Sheerer's account for ditto,		
paid Thomas Wiggins, —	14	20
John Druit, for Bernard Romans's		
order, to be charged to the said Ro-		
mans, — —	16	
Conrad Alster's account for enter-		
taining militia, —	5	45
Philip Upright's ditto, for ditto and		
guard of powder to Virginia,	3	6
John Nice's ditto, for ditto,	17	36
Levi Hollingsworth's account for es-		
corting money to Amboy, —	16	75
William Perkins, for supplies to troops,	2	84
Porterage of a box with the Massachu-		
setts papers, — —		6
Capt. Read's account of expences of		
his company on their march to camp,	40	72
Capt. Wheely's account of ditto,	27	54
Capt. M'Kenzie, for subsistence,	3	39
Monf. Lotbinier, French chaplain, one		
month's pay and rations, —	41	30
Benjamin Condry, for cake ink,	6	36
Thread for the use of the office,		15
Secretary Peters's order for transport-		
ing lieut. Symmes's baggage,	10	30
Allen M'Donald sen. Allen M'Donald		
jun. Alexander M'Donald, Rennel M'Do-		
nald, for three weeks allowance to them-		
selves and two servants, to Sept. 24,	36	
William Ross's account of subsistence		
to militia, — —	9	53
Valentine Vanholt's account of ditto,	9	9
R. Lumsden, for wood, hauling and		
sawing, — —	9	22
John Streeper's account for subsisting		
militia, — —	12	9
Postage of a letter from Ticonderoga,		49
Monf. Lotbinier, one month's pay and		
rations, — —	41	30
Allen M'Donald, for the hire of a wo-		
man servant allowed him from 4th of June		
to 24th of September, 16 weeks,	16	

John M'Kinzie, a prisoner from North-Carolina, his allowance from 20th Sept. to 17th Oct. 4 weeks, 8

Bartholomew Vanheer's account of disbursements to the army in Canada, and 6 months pay as lieutenant, 145 31

Uriah Forrest, captain of a company in col. Irvine's battalion, furnishing 86 men, non-commissioned officers and privates, with provisions from Annapolis to Philadelphia, 115 miles at 1 d. a mile each, also to 1 captain and 3 subalterns 115 miles, at 9d. in the whole — 121 35

Total, —	687	27
Of which received	500	
The ballance due,	187	27

That there is due to Robert Jewel, for the maintenance of state prisoners in the new goal, and for candles, &c.

489.43 dollars.

To the late capt. William Hendricks's company, and to be paid to lieut. Francis Nichols of the said company, for the ballance of an account for their pay, arms lost at the storm of Quebec, hunting shirts, &c. 1622.22 dollars.

To William Pollard, for the expence of himself and others of the light horse, as an escort with money from Philadelphia to New-York and Boston. 291.57 dollars.

To Jacob Hartman for the hire of his waggon, bringing the baggage of the prisoners from Canada, from Elizabeth-town to Philadelphia, 16.60 dollars.

To John Hall and Samuel Parker, for cleaning and repairing 200 muskets with bayonets, scabbards, &c. for the German battalion, 215.78 dollars.

To Coxe. Furman and Coxe, for carriage of powder from Philadelphia to Virginia, and the pay of capt. Matthis for taking charge of the same, 233.81 dollars.

*Ordered,* That the said accounts be paid:

Congress took into consideration the form of the oath to be taken by the officers in the service of the continent, which was agreed to, as follows,

I ——— do acknowledge the Thirteen United States of America, namely, New-Hampshire, Massachusetts-Bay, Rhode-Island, Connecticut, New-York, New-Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North-Carolina, South-Carolina, and Georgia, to be free, independent and sovereign States, and declare that the people thereof owe no allegiance or obedience to George the third, king of Great-



Great-Britain; and I renounce, refuse and abjure any allegiance or obedience to him : and I do swear that I will to the utmost of my power support, maintain and defend the said United States against the said king George the third, and his heirs and successors, and his and their abettors, assistants and adherents, and will serve the said United States in the office of —, which I now hold, and in any other office which I may hereafter hold by their appointment or under their authority with fidelity and honour, and according to the best of my skill and understanding. So help me God.

*Resolved*, That every officer who holds or shall hereafter hold a commission or office from Congress, shall subscribe the above declaration and take the foregoing oath.

*Resolved*, That 100,000 dollars be sent to the deputy paymaster general in Virginia.

The several matters to this day referred being postponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, October 22, 1776.

A letter from general Mifflin to capt. Falkner, was laid before Congress and read,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to a committee of three, and that they be directed to engage and send to headquarters, a skillful active wharf-builder, with proper assistants.

The members chosen, Mr. Morris, Mr. Willson, and Mr. Rofs.

The committee of treasury reported, that there is due, To monsieur O. H. Rouville, his servant P. H. de Beauvassin, J. B. H. de Rouville, Joseph de Jarlais, and Joseph and Gabriel Heiter, for their allowance from 13th July to 18th October, 1776, 186.60 dollars.

That they have examined the accounts of D. S. Franks, for sundry goods supplied the army in Canada, amounting to 3748.84 dollars, of which he received a warrant of the 7th of September for 1600 dollars, and that there is a ballance now due to him of 2148.84 dollars.

That there is due to Nathan Sellers, for a paper-mould, letters and borders, 29 dollars.

That there should be advanced to col. Hollingsworth, the sum of 1626.60 dollars for supplies of rations and waggons for the Virginia battalions from the Head of Elk to Chester, he to be accountable.

*Ordered*, That the said sums be paid.

The board of war brought in a report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon

*Resolved*,

*Resolved*, That general Schuyler's application to the Eastern states and to the state of New-York, for their militia, is approved.

That the resolution for sending home the Canadians, be suspended till farther orders.

That the board of war order the several prisoners in Philadelphia, to the places of their destination, and that they write to the several committees who have the charge of prisoners, not to suffer them to go beyond the bounds allowed them, nor to permit any of them to come to Philadelphia without leave first obtained from the board of war.

*Resolved*, That Mrs. Antil, with her child and sister, Miss Colden, be permitted to go to general Mercer, who is desired to permit them to proceed to New-York, taking especial care that they carry no intelligence to the enemy.

The secret committee reported, that the cargo lately arrived at Portsmouth, in the brig marquis of Kildare, capt. Palmer, consists of the following articles, viz: 5000lb of powder, 250 small arms, 100,000 flints, 4000 yards of small canvas, 4 to 500 jackets, 100 knapsacks, 100 leggings, 80 large rugs, 2 bales of woollens, 1 bale of linens, and 10 tons of lead; whereupon

*Resolved*, That the powder, 100 small arms, 2000 flints, part of the canvas, 80 rugs, and part of the lead, be applied by the continental agent for the use of the continental frigate Raleigh:

That 60 000 flints be sent to general Washington:

That 38,000 flints, 150 small arms, 100 knapsacks, 100 leggings, and 8 tons of lead, be sent to the northern army, under general Schuyler and general Gates:

That the remainder of the canvas be made into tents, and sent to the northern army:

That the jackets, if fit for soldiers, be sent to the northern army; if fit for sailors, be distributed amongst the continental frigates at Portsmouth and Boston:

That the two bales of woollens be made up into soldiers cloaths for the northern army;

That the bale of linens, if fit for soldiers shirts, or other purposes for the army, be made up and sent to the northern army, if not suitable for public use, be sold to the best advantage.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Charles Roberts, brought in a report, which was read and disagreed to.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed, adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY,

WEDNESDAY, October 23, 1776.

Congress being informed that a vessel from London to Quebec, loaden with dry goods, among which is a quantity of blankets and coarse cloths, fit for soldiers cloathing, was lately taken and brought to Rhode-Island,

*Resolved*, That governor Cooke be requested immediately to purchase, at continental expence, for the use of the army under general Washington, all the said blankets and cloths; that the blankets be sent to general Washington, and the cloths be made up agreeable to the directions of brigadier general Mifflin, quarter-master general

*Ordered*, That the committee of cloathing forward the above resolution, and acquaint general Washington and brigadier general Mifflin therewith.

*Resolved*, That two more brigadiers general be appointed.

The ballots being taken,

Colonel William Maxwell and

Colonel William Smallwood were elected.

Certain resolutions passed by the convention of Maryland, respecting the raising the eight battalions allotted to their state, were laid before congress, and read;

*Ordered*, That they be referred to a committee of three, who are directed to report an answer thereto:

The members chosen, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Paine, Mr. Rutledge.

*Resolved*, That it be referred to the board of war to consider in what way Monsieur de Roche Fermoy may be employed in the service of the continent:

That the application in favour of lieut. Van Hederich be referred to the board of war:

That Samuel Fairlamb's account be referred to the board of treasury.

The committee of treasury reported, that there is due,

To Joseph Borden, Esq; for waggonage, boat-hire, &c. transporting carpenters and their baggage from Philadelphia to Pawle's Hook, after deducting 2 dollars and the sum of 23.30 dollars for the hire of a four horse team of William Allen, deducted for want of a voucher, and 2 dollars paid by capt. CasCorp, 94 dollars.

That they have examined the account of Elihu Spencer for his salary as a missionary to North-Carolina, from the 14th December, 1775, to the 4th May, 1776, being 4 months and 21 days, at 40 dollars a month, 186.45 dollars.

That the said missionary ought to be allowed in addition to his salary, 16 dollars per month, which is 75.18 dol.

That



That he received a warrant of the 20th December last, for 120 dollars, and that there is now due to him the sum of  
 of 141.63 dollars.

That there is due to Alexander M'Worter, missionary to North-Carolina, for the like time, at the salary of 40 dollars and allowance of 16 dollars a month, after deducting 120 dollars he received, the sum of 141.63 dol.

That there is due to adjutant Christian Ferbiger, and lieut. Archibald Steel, to be paid to the latter, for 2 months extraordinary pay to Ferbiger, at 18 1-3 36.60 dollars.

For 2 months ditto to Steel as lieutenant, at 18. 36 dol.

For 8 months 22 days to ditto as adjutant, from 9th November to 1st August, 1776, at 18. 1-3 160.10 dollars.  
 the whole amounting to 232.70 dollars,

That there is due to John Dunlap for 97 reams of cartridge paper, sent to Ticonderoga, 323.30 dollars.

To Alexander Rutherford, for 100 bayonet scabbards, supplied capt. R. Falkner of the 5th Virginia regiment,  
 40 dollars.

To capt. Hendrick Smock, for expences of a guard and prisoners from head-quarters, New-Jersey, to Philadelphia,  
 44.18 dollars.

To Rene. O. H. de Rouville, a Canadian prisoner, for his allowance from 16th January to 13th July last, 25, 5-7 weeks, at 2 dollars a week, 51.38 dollars.

For his servant's allowance, 25 5-7 34 25 dollars.  
 amounting to 85.63 dollars.

*Ordered*, That the said accounts be paid.

Upon application of the delegates of Delaware,

*Resolved*, That 120 dollars be advanced to capt. John Woodgate of col. Patterson's battalion, he to account for the same with the pay-master of the said battalion.

Congress took into consideration the report of the committee on the petition of col. M. Hazen, whereupon

*Resolved*, That the sum of 966 2-3 dollars be paid to col. Moses Hazen for his farming, smith's and potash, carpenter's, joiner's, cooper's and stove-maker's tools, and for anchors and cables said to be taken by, and appropriated to the use of, the army under general Montgomery.

That the regiment under the command of the said col. Hazen remain on the original establishment thereof, and be recruited to its full complement in any of the Thirteen United States; as it was upon these terms he entered into the service, and the said regiment cannot be said to belong to any particular state, nor to be any additional expence in the mode of officering the same.

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The several matters to this day referred being postponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, October 24, 1776.

A petition from William Moore, and one from William Rigg, were presented to Congress and read.

*Ordered*, That they be referred to the marine committee, and that the said committee furnish the petitioners with subsistence during their residence in Philadelphia.

Application being made in behalf of Samuel Horlock and ——— Livingston, esqrs. for leave to go to Boston, and from thence back to New-York,

*Resolved*, That leave be granted them upon their giving parole.

*Resolved*, That an order for 133 1-3 dollars be drawn on the treasurer, in favor of R. Peters, esq; secretary to the board of war, to pay for a light waggon purchased for the use of the Congress, and that he be empowered to purchase another light waggon.

*Resolved*, That 500 dollars be advanced to the committee appointed to contract with and send an active wharf-builder, and proper assistants, to general Washington, for the use of the said wharf-builders.

*Resolved*, That the board of war be directed to order the Virginia battalions to march to Trenton, and there halt till farther orders.

A representation from the council of safety of Pennsylvania to the board of war, was laid before Congress and read:

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

A memorial from David Franks was laid before Congress and read, desiring leave for himself and Patrick Rice, his clerk, to go to New-York, in order to lay his receipts and vouchers, for the provisions furnished to the British prisoners, before the commissary general, and obtain certificates to be presented to, and signed by, the general of the British forces, without which he cannot be reimbursed.

*Resolved*, That leave be granted them, upon their giving parole not to give any intelligence to the enemy, and that they will return to this city.

A petition of Benjamin Eyre was read,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to a committee of three,

The members chosen, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Payne, and Mr. F. L. Lee:

A petition from capt. Anstruther, a prisoner, and one from Simon Carbolais, were read;

*Resolved*, That they be rejected.

*Resolved*,

*Resolved*, That 5000 dollars be advanced to E. Blaine, Esq; for the use of his battalion, raised on the western frontiers of Pennsylvania, he to be accountable.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed, Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, October 25, 1776.

A letter of the 21st from R. H. Harrison, was read; also a certificate from brigadiers general H. Mercer, and P. Dickinson, in favour of the rev. John Nevelling, who officiated as chaplain to 9 battalions, of New-Jersey,

*Ordered*, That the certificate be referred to the board of treasury; and that they enquire how long Mr. Nevelling officiated as mentioned in the said certificate, and allow him for his services at the rate of 50 dollars a month;

A petition from Alice Brazier and daughter, Hannah Haynes, and Elizabeth Bouve, was presented to Congress and read;

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the board of treasury.

*Resolved*, That 3000 dollars be advanced to col. Moses Hazen, towards outfitting his battalion, he to be accountable.

A letter of the 20th from P. Zabriskie and J. Morgan was read;

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the board of treasury.

A memorial from M. Irwin was presented to Congress and read;

*Ordered*, That it be referred to a committee of three, and that they confer with the council of safety of Pennsylvania respecting the same, and report thereon to Congress:

The members chosen, Mr. S. Adams, Mr. Whipple, and Mr. Hart.

The committee of treasury reported, that there is due to Robert Chase, late commander of the Gaspe ship of war, for his allowance (from 1st March to 24th October, 1776 inclusive) 24 weeks, at 2 dollars, 68 dollars.

That they have examined an account exhibited by capt. Robert Cluggage, for sundry articles charged to him, which he prays an allowance of, and that he ought to be credited for the following sums charged in the Bedford county accounts, viz.

Drilling for haversacks, account no. 1.	6	:	5	:	10
Part of articles charged in account no. 31.	1	:	13	:	6
Cash paid Bernard Dougherty	—	:	0	:	15
An overcharge in a rifle, bought of William Peeble	—	:	0	:	10

A charge of Abraham Cable, esq; in additional account no. 2.	—	—	—	3 : 7 : 4
Repairing arms charged in col. Irvine's account, per vouchers, no. 7 and 8.	—	—	—	9 : 2 : 5
Occasional expences which he paid for his company on their march from Bedford to Boston,	—	—	—	9 : 7 : 9

The whole amounting to 82.82 dollars. 31 : 1 : 10

That there is due to John Mitchel, for expences of a party of light horse going with money from Philadelphia to Ticonderoga, a ballance of 22l. 16s. 6d. and for coach-hire, expences, &c. for himself and Mr. Dunlap, as a guard with gen. Prescott and brig. M'Donald, and their two servants to New-York to be exchanged, 72l. 18s. 6d. both sums amounting to 109l. 15s. equal to 292.60 dollars:

That there should be advanced to Mr. Hodgekin and Mr. Crowstedt, two midshipmen taken prisoners, three weeks allowance each, at 2 dollars, 12 dollars:

That there is due to Roger Sherman, esq; for the expences of the committee appointed to enquire into the state of the army at New-York, and two servants, 76.71 dollars, to be paid to Elbridge Gerry, esq;

*Ordered*, That the said accounts be paid.

*Resolved*, That two months pay be advanced to lieut. David Zigler, who was wounded and is come to Philadelphia for the purpose of perfecting his cure.

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the several assemblies and conventions of the United States forthwith to import, or otherwise procure, full supplies of fire arms, bayonets, brass or other field pieces, powder, lead, flints, medicines, intrenching tools, tent cloth, blankets and other cloathing, for such of their militia as are deficient therein, and to send to the board of war and ordinance a copy of their resolutions for this purpose, that the same may be laid before Congress.

The several matters to this day referred being postponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock on Monday.

MONDAY, October 28, 1776.

*Resolved*, That 1000 dollars be advanced to the committee appointed to engage wharf-builders, for the use of the workmen engaged, and that they render an account of the expenditure.

A letter of the 17th from general Schuyler was read, together with the report of a court of inquiry appointed to discover what stores were on board the enemy's fleet taken in the river St. Lawrence;

*Ordered*, That the report be referred to the board of treasury.

A letter of the 6th from brigadier Andrew Lewis, was read, and referred to the board of war.

A petition of William Savage, Thomas Corbett, and John Scott, in behalf of William Wilson, together with sundry papers therein referred to, was read, and referred to the marine committee.

A letter of the 16th from the convention of New-York, and a letter from Thomas Cushing, dated in August, were read;

*Ordered*, That the last be referred to the committee for indian affairs.

*Resolved*, That mons. de Boys, upon resigning his commission, have leave to return to Martinico.

Congress being informed that certain persons were busy in monopolizing and engrossing the articles necessary for the army, with a view to enhance their price, and prevent the army from being supplied;

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to enquire into this matter, and report thereon to Congress:

The members chosen, Mr. Wythe, Mr. Gerry, and Mr. Rutledge.

The committee to whom the memorial of Matthew Irwin was referred, reported that they have conferred with the council of safety of Pennsylvania, who say they have some salt (the quantity they cannot ascertain) which they are willing to sell for the use of the army:

*Ordered*, That the said committee apply to the council of safety, and request them to sell to Mr. M. Irwin, for the use of the army, as much salt as they can possibly spare.

The marine committee brought in a report, which was read; whereupon

*Resolved*, That the marine committee be empowered to employ such persons as they shall think proper to execute the business entrusted to them, and report their names to Congress:

That the farther consideration of the report be postponed till to-morrow.

The committee of treasury reported that there is due,

To Thomas Dunahoo, a canadian prisoner, for his allowance from the 13th of July to the 25th of October inst. 15 weeks at 1.30 dollars a week, 20 dollars:

To capt. William Brady, of the late col. Stevenson's battalion, for 12 rifles purchased by him for the use of his company, 177 dollars.

*Ordered*, That the said accounts be paid.

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The several matters to this day referred being postponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, October 29, 1776.

Congress being informed that Tim. Dodd, an express from Boston, who was entrusted with dispatches from general Washington, has had them stolen from him at Bristol in this state;

*Resolved*, That a committee of two be appointed, with powers to make every necessary inquiry, and to take every step they think proper for the recovery of the said dispatches, and the discovery of the person or persons by whom the said papers were stolen: that if they have good reason to suspect any person or persons, they immediately secure them till the farther order of Congress, and return their names, with the causes of suspicion to this house: that they dispose of the continental prisoners at Bristol in such manner as they shall think best:

That all civil officers be requested, and all continental military officers be ordered, to afford every assistance that may be required by the said committee:

The members chosen, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Hopkinson.

*Resolved*, That col. Cadwalader and col. Bayard be requested to accompany the said committee to Bristol.

*Resolved*, That 40,000 dollars be advanced to Mr. J. Mease, for the public service, he to be accountable:

That 6000 dollars be advanced to col. Buckner, of the 6th virginia battalion, for the use of the said battalion, he to be accountable.

*Resolved*, That Charles Hughes have leave to go the West-Indies in the schooner Thistle.

A letter from Mr. Bache was read;

*Ordered*, That it be referred to a committee of three:

The members chosen, Mr. Wythe, Mr. Paine, and Mr. Livingston.

Whereas the fortifying the entrance of the river of cape Fear, in the state of North-Carolina, will tend greatly to the advantage and security of that state, by furnishing a safe harbour for foreigners and excluding the enemy's ships:

*Resolved* therefore, That it be recommended to the convention of the state of North-Carolina to fortify and secure, at the expence of their state, the entrance of the said river, by erecting batteries and other works of defence; by placing obstructions in proper parts of the said river, and pursuing such other measures as in their opinion will best conduce to prevent the introduction of the enemy's ships, and protect the trade of the said state: and in case heavy  
cannon

cannon cannot be procured in the state of North-Carolina, it is further recommended to the said convention to apply to the state of South-Carolina, requesting the loan of such cannon as they can spare from their own necessities, who it is not doubted will contribute, as far as it may be in their power, to accomplish a purpose which will be of general utility to the southern states.

Congress resumed the consideration of the report of the marine committee, whereupon

*Resolved*, That no private ships or vessels of war, merchant ships, or other vessels belonging to the subjects of these states, be permitted to wear pendants, when in company with continental ships or vessels of war, without leave from the commanding officer thereof:

That if any merchant ship or vessel shall wear pendants in company with continental ships or vessels of war, without leave first obtained from the commander thereof, such commander be authorized to take away the pendants from the offender:

That if private ships or vessels of war refuse to pay the respect due to the continental ships or vessels of war, the captain or commander so refusing shall lose his commission.

*Resolved*, That the farther consideration of the report be postponed till to-morrow.

The several matters to this day referred being postponed, adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, October 30, 1776.

The committee of treasury reported that there is due,

To Mr. Allen, for his expences while detained here for the purpose of taking charge of money for Virginia, the sum of 17.20 dollars:

That a farther sum of 77.46 dollars be paid to Mr. Fairlamb, which will be the ballance due to him on his account as it now stands, exclusive of his request for a farther allowance on the ration stipulated in his contract, and of 27 cords of wood not allowed for want of vouchers:

*Ordered*, That the above accounts be paid.

*Resolved*, That the sum of 30 dollars be paid to captain Moore, to enable him to proceed to Europe.

A letter of this day from col. M. Hazen was read;

Also a petition from Andrew Stalker, late commander of the brig Three Friends, praying for leave to depart the States of America, and re-visit his native country;

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petition be granted.

A petition from John Tillman was read.

A letter of the 25th from gov. Livingston was read and referred to Dr. Ruth, Mr. Ross and Mr. Lynch. *Resolved*,

*Resolved*, That 2000 dollars be advanced to col. Scott, of the 5th Virginia battalion, for the use of the said battalion, he to be accountable :

That 2000 dollars be advanced to col. Haussager, of the German battalion, for the use of the said battalion, he to be accountable.

The board of war having recommended Jacob Myle to be quarter-master, and Eberhart Michael paymaster to the German battalion ;

*Resolved*, That they be accepted, and commissions granted to them accordingly.

Mr. Duche having by a letter to the president acknowledged his obligation for the kind manner in which Congress have expressed their approbation of his service, and requested, as he accepted their appointment from motives perfectly disinterested, that the 130 dollars voted to him may be applied to the relief of the widows and children of such of the Pennsylvania officers as have fallen in battle in the service of their country ;

*Resolved*, That the money be deposited with the council of safety of Pennsylvania, to be applied agreeable to the request of Mr. Duche.

A memorial from Robert Jewell was read ;

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on gov. Livingston's letter.

*Resolved*, That 133.20 dollars be advanced to Evans and Stretch, the commanding officers of the guard going with money and cloathing for the northern army ; they to be accountable.

The committee of treasury reported that there is due,

To monf. Pierre Gamelin, a prisoner from Canada, for his allowance from the 26th of March to the 28th of October inclusive, being 31 weeks at 2 dollars a week, 62 dol.

To Marcus Lucullus Ryal, a prisoner, for his allowance from the 22d of August to the 24th of October inclusive, 9 weeks at 2 dollars, 18 dollars.

To lieut. Jacob Schalch, a prisoner, for his allowance from the 19th of July to the 25th of October inclusive, 14 weeks at 2 dollars, 28 dollars.

To doctor James Gill, a prisoner, for his allowance from the 19th of July to the 25th of October inclusive, 14 weeks at 2 dollars, 28 dollars.

To lieut. Simon Evans, a prisoner, for his allowance from the 23d of August to the 18th of October inclusive, 8 weeks at 2 dollars, 16 dollars.

To Pelatiah Webster, for 200lb. of rhubarb 600 dollars.

To Alexander Middleton, of the 5th Virginia battalion, for

for his account of medicines, board, nursery and necessities for the sick of the said battalion, 86.60 dollars.

*Ordered*, That the said accounts be paid.

The committee to whom was referred the resolution of the convention of Maryland, brought in a report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon

*Resolved*, That the president write to the convention of Maryland, and inform them that their resolutions relative to their paying ten dollars in lieu of the 100 acres of land determined by Congress to be given to such non-commissioned officers and soldiers as shall enlist to serve during the war, will, in the opinion of this house, if carried into execution, prove extremely detrimental to these states, as it will, in all probability, induce such soldiers as are to compose the remainder of the levies, to require an equal sum from the United States, and by refusing to enlist till their demands shall be complied with, compel the Congress to the immediate payment of an additional bounty, far beyond what is reasonable:

That this house, being satisfied with the propriety of offering land to the soldiery, as an inducement to enlist in the service, cannot rescind the said resolution; and are of opinion, that the faith which this house, by virtue of the power with which they were vested, have plighted, must be obligatory upon their constituents; that no one state can by its own act be released therefrom, and that the interest of the United States would be deeply and injuriously affected should the Congress, at this time, consent to a compromise between any state and the forces to be by them raised:

That the said convention by their said resolution seem to apprehend that their state would be obliged in their individual capacity, to make good the bounty of land hereafter to be given to the soldiery; whereas it was the intention of Congress to provide the said land at the expence of the United States:

That the said convention be requested to re-consider the said resolutions, and to give to their commissioners appointed to repair to the camp, such instructions as will enable them to carry into execution the views of Congress: that the said convention be informed that the paymaster general has been furnished with a sum of money for the purpose of paying the bounty of twenty dollars ordered by Congress to such soldiers as shall enlist to serve the United States during the war.

Congress resumed the report of the marine committee; whereupon

*Resolved*, That the rank of officers of marines be the same as officers of similar commissions in the land service:

That



That the commanders, officers, seamen and marines, in the continental navy, be entitled to one half of merchant men, transports, and store ships by them taken from and after the first day of November 1776, to be divided among them in the shares and proportions fixed by former resolutions of Congress:

That the commanders, officers, seamen and marines in the continental navy be entitled to the whole value of all ships and vessels of war belonging to the crown of Great-Britain, by them made prize of, and all privateers authorised by his britannic majesty to war against these states, to be divided as aforesaid.

*Resolved*, That the part of the report relative to the rank and pay of naval officers be referred to a committee of three:

The members chosen, Mr. Morris, Mr. Whipple, and Mr. R. H. Lee.

*Resolved*, That the remainder of the report be re-committed.

The several matters to this day referred being postponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, October 31, 1776.

A letter of the 28th from gen. Green was read;

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee of intelligence.

*Resolved*, That 2000 dollars be advanced to col. Zebulon Butler, for the use of the two companies raised in the town of Westmoreland; he to be accountable:

That leave be granted to col. Z. Butler, or his agent, to purchase of the salt belonging to the continent, 50 bushels, for the use of the continental troops raised in Westmoreland.

A letter of the 29th from R. Harrison, the general's secretary, was read.

The committee appointed to make strict inquiry respecting some late dispatches from head quarters, said to have been lost on Monday last at Bristol, reported;

That they have pursued every probable method, that might lead to a discovery of the said dispatches, without effect; that they have strictly and carefully examined every person who could be supposed to have any knowledge of the circumstances, related by the express, charged with the said dispatches, respecting his loss, but can discover no traces of the robbery or stealth; that the said express does not give so clear and satisfactory an account of this matter as fully to exculpate himself, in the opinion of the committee; and that they have therefore brought him back

back in order to submit him to the further examination of Congress; whereupon

*Resolved*, That Timothy Dod, who had charge of the dispatches from general Washington, and alledges he lost them at Bristol, be committed to the custody of R. Jewell, keeper of the public prison, to be safely kept till farther orders of Congress:

That Mr. Jewell be directed to keep Timothy Dod in his own apartments and family; and not to permit any of the prisoners, nor any person, except those of his own family, to converse with him, 'till farther orders.

*Resolved*, That a committee of five be appointed to prepare an effectual plan for suppressing the internal enemies of America, and preventing a communication of intelligence to our other enemies:

The members chosen, Mr. S. Adams, Mr. Wythe, Mr. R. H. Lee, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Ross.

*Ordered*, That the board of war remove the prisoners from Bristol, and the public post roads, to some convenient places back in the country:

That they have a sufficient guard kept at the public prisons, and over the continental stores in and near Philadelphia.

Whereas it has been represented to Congress, that sundry inhabitants of these United States, to keep supplies from the army, or promote their own interest, have purchased considerable quantities of cloathing, and refuse to dispose of the same, unless upon extravagant or unreasonable terms;

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the assemblies, conventions, councils, or committees of safety of the several states, forthwith to take suitable measures for obtaining for the use of the army, such necessary articles, as being thus engrossed in their respective states, cannot be otherwise immediately procured; allowing to the owners reasonable prices for the same; and that laws be provided in each of the states, for effectually preventing monopolies of necessaries for the army, or for the inhabitants of the same.

*Ordered*, That the committee to whom Mr. Bache's letter was referred, report, as soon as possible, ways and means of establishing expresses, and conveying intelligence to and from the army with safety and dispatch.

The several matters to this day referred being postponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY,

FRIDAY, November 1, 1776.

*Resolved*, That 3000 dollars be paid to Acklam Bonfield, or order, and charged to the account of J. Trumbull, esq; deputy paymaster general in the northern department; the same being in full of a draught in his favour by the said J. Trumbull, dated at Albany, the 15th of October, 1776.

The board of war brought in a report which was taken into consideration; whereupon

*Resolved*, That commissions be granted to fill up the vacancies in the 4th, 5th, and 6th virginia battalions, agreeable to the list given in to the board of war by general Stephen.

*Resolved*, That 3000 dollars be advanced to the delegates of Georgia, for the use of that state; the said delegates to be accountable.

A petition from sundry ship-joiners was read:

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the marine committee.

*Ordered*, That the board of war direct four companies of the virginia battalion on the eastern shore to march, under the command of a field officer, to Dover in Delaware government, and there remain till farther orders.

Congress took into consideration the report of the committee on the ways and means of supplying the treasury; whereupon

*Resolved*, That a sum of money be raised by way of lottery for defraying the expences of the next campaign, the lottery to be drawn in Philadelphia.

*Ordered*, That the committee who brought in the report prepare the plan of a lottery, fix the number of managers, and the security by them to be given, &c. and report to Congress.

*Resolved*, That the farther consideration of the report be postponed till to-morrow.

*Ordered*, That the board of treasury lay before Congress, once every week, an account of what part of the last emission of money remains unexpended.

*Ordered*, That the board of war supply the delegates of Georgia, for the use of that state, with a quantity of military stores, first informing Congress of the quantity applied for.

The several matters to this day referred being postponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

SATURDAY, November 2, 1776.

Congress resumed the consideration of the report of the committee on the ways and means of supplying the treasury; whereupon

*Resolved*, That the board of treasury be directed to prepare all the necessary materials, and to have ready for a new emission, five millions of dollars, to be issued when Congress shall direct :

That 500,000 dollars be speedily issued, in small bills of two thirds, one third, one sixth, and one ninth of a dollar.

A petition of John Bates was read ;

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee who contracted with him.

*Resolved*, That 3000 dollars be advanced to col. Moses Hazen, for recruiting his regiment, he to be accountable.

The committee of treasury reported, that there is due,

To Isaac Dennis, to be paid to Francis Lewis, esq; for dieting 80 men, and oats, &c. for horses of capt. Thomas Price's company in New-York government, 13.67 dollars :

To Bartholomew Vankeer, for his pay as brigade major, from the 20th of June to the 20th of October, 4 months, at 33 dollars per month, 132 dollars :

*Ordered*, That the said accounts be paid.

The committee to whom governor Livingston's letter was referred brought in a report which was read :

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

*Resolved*, That Congress will on Monday next, consider the application for employing mons. Roche de Fermoy in the continental service.

The several matters to this day referred being postponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock on Monday.

MONDAY, November 4, 1776.

Matthew Thornton, esq; a delegate from New-Hampshire, attended and produced his credentials, which were read as follows :

" State of New-Hampshire. In the house of representatives; September 12th, 1776. Voted, That the honorable Matthew Thornton, esq. be and hereby is appointed a delegate to represent this state at the continental Congress for one year next ensuing.

" Sent up for concurrence. P. WHITE, Speaker.

" In council, eodem die, read and concurred,

" E. Thompson, secretary.

" A copy examined by E. Thompson, secretary."

Two letters of the 25th of October and 1st of November from R. H. Harrison; one from R. Stockton, esq; and G. Clymer, esq; of the 26th of October; one of the 23d from general Schuyler, at Saratoga, were laid before Congress and read ;

*Ordered*, That they be referred to the board of war.

A letter



A letter of the 19th of October, from G. Mafon, chairman of the committee of Fairfax county in Virginia, inclosing a resolution of the council of Virginia, was read and referred to the board of war.

Whereas it is manifest, that unless effectual measures are immediately taken for reinlisting the army, the safety of the states may be greatly endangered ;

*Resolved*, That the president write to the commander in chief, and inform him that, if upon receipt of this resolution, commissioners from the respective states for the purpose of appointing officers shall not have arrived, he is then, after consulting and advising with such of his generals as he can conveniently call together, immediately to grant warrants to such of the officers from the respective states, which have not commissioners present authorised as aforesaid, as he shall think deserving of commissions :

That the officers so to be appointed, proceed with the utmost expedition to recruit their regiments to their full complement :

That commissions be sent to general Washington as soon as possible, to be given to such officers as he shall appoint by warrant, in consequence of the foregoing resolution :

That the commander in chief be desired to take such steps as he shall think most proper for continuing the militia now in camp ; that, for this purpose, he write to such of the states as now have militia in the government of New-York, requesting their assistance in this business ; and that he be further desired to apply to the neighbouring states for such additional aid as he may require :

That a letter to the same import be written to general Schuyler.

The committee to whom the letter from T. Cushing was referred, brought in a report, which was read.

It being represented that some of the marines in the barracks are sick ;

*Resolved*, That doctor Rush be desired to take them under his care, and see that they be properly provided for.

*Resolved*, That Mr. Hooper be added to the committee to whom Mr. Bache's letter was referred, and that the said committee be directed to meet on that business this evening at this place.

*Resolved*, That the waggon-master general be directed to take charge of the horses belonging to the continent, and prepare them for service as soon as possible.

The several matters to this day referred being postponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, November 5, 1776.

Benjamin Harrison, esq; a delegate from Virginia attended and produced the credentials of his appointment, which were read as follows ;

“ Virginia. In the house of delegates, Thursday October 10, 1776. The house according to the order of the day, proceeded by ballot to the appointment of a delegate to represent this state in general Congress, in the room of Thomas Jefferson esq; and the members having prepared tickets for the person to be appointed, and put the same into a box, a committee was appointed to examine the same; who reported that they had met a committee from the senate in the conference room, and had jointly with them examined the ballot boxes, and that the numbers appeared as follows; for Benjamin Harrison, esq; 69, Melwether Smith, esq; 5.

“ *Resolved* therefore, That the said Benjamin Harrison be appointed a delegate to represent this state in general Congress.

“ *Resolved* unanimously, That the thanks of this house are justly due to the said Benjamin Harrison, for the diligence, ability and integrity with which he executed the important trust reposed in him as one of the delegates from this country in the general Congress.

“ A copy. John Tazewell, clk of the house of delegates.”

*Resolved*, That Mr. Harrison be added to the board of war, and that he be continued in all those standing committees of which he was a member when he left Congress.

A letter of the 31st October from R. H. Harrison was read.

The board of treasury brought in a report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon

*Resolved*, That all accounts for services done, or articles supplied the northern army, be presented to the commissioners for settling accounts, and so much thereof as is approved by them, and confirmed by the general, be paid by his warrants on the paymaster, after the commissioners have certified thereon that the accounts and vouchers are returned to them by the persons receiving such warrants :

That all warrants of the general on the paymaster for services to be performed, or articles to be supplied, be sent by the paymaster to the office, and entered in the books of the commissioners: after which the said commissioners shall, as soon as they shall judge expedient, call to account the persons receiving such advances; and having settled the said accounts, they shall be filed in their office :

That where any ballance appears to be due to the United States from persons whose accounts are adjusted as aforesaid,

said, they shall be received by the commissioners and delivered to the paymaster, whose receipts therefor shall be transmitted to the treasury:

That the commissioners be impowered to administer oaths or affirmations to persons examined by them in the execution of their office:

That the general's and paymaster's accounts be sent to the treasury-office by the commissioners, together with the pay-rolls and accounts discharged by the same, upon their adjusting the accounts of the northern army to the end of the present campaign.

*Resolved*, That the commissioners appointed to settle the accounts of the army near New-York, be directed to govern their conduct agreeable to the foregoing resolutions.

*Resolved*, That the following instructions be given to the commissioners of the northern army:—

1. That in adjusting the accounts of persons, whose particular circumstances may have rendered them unable to procure vouchers, or that on the retreat of the army have lost the same, the commissioners endeavour to obtain the best information from the general officers or other persons in that department, and use a discretionary power in administering oaths or affirmations for this purpose.

2. That, there not having been a muster-master in the northern army during the last and present campaign, the commissioners particularly attend to the pay-rolls that shall be produced as vouchers by the paymaster, and should any faults appear report them to the general, that the same may be thoroughly investigated.

3. That in other instances, the commissioners do not interfere with the muster or pay-rolls, unless in particular cases it shall be judged expedient by the general and themselves.

4. That the commissioners do not concern themselves in disputes about back rations or allowances for vegetables said to be due to some officers and soldiers, but leave them with the commissary, whose business it is to regulate such disputes.

5. That where any person has done the duty of a deputy or assistant commissary by desire of a general officer, or the commissary or deputy commissary generals, he be allowed for his services, although he has not received a commission for that purpose.

6. That demands for defending the frontiers of any of the states, if on account of troops not raised by order of Congress, be not considered by the commissioners.

7. That the commissioners certify to the general the accounts to be paid in specie, that if the military chest is supplied, the general may issue his warrants accordingly.

That



8. That the commissioners send to the state of New-Jersey, and to the states to the eastward thereof, for their accounts against the northern army, if such accounts are not forwarded agreeable to a circular letter from the treasury board to the said states.

*Resolved*, That the president write to governor Livingston, and request him to send two companies of militia to guard the salt works near Tom's river, and one company to be stationed at or near Shrewsbury, to intercept and put a stop to the intelligence said to be carrying on between the tories and lord Howe's fleet: that the companies consist of 50 men each.

A petition from Joseph Traverses was presented to Congress and read; whereupon

*Resolved*, That 100 dollars be advanced to the said Joseph Traverses; to be accounted for by him on the settlement of his account.

The committee to whom the letter from Richard Bache, comptroller of the post-office, was referred, brought in a report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon

*Resolved*, That for obtaining early and frequent intelligence from the camps at White Plains and Ticonderoga, or such other places as the armies now or lately there may march, or have marched to, and forwarding dispatches to the commanding officers with the like expedition, the post-master general do immediately employ so many more riders, between Philadelphia and head quarters of these armies, as he shall judge will most effectually perform that very important, and at this time more especially, necessary service; and that he endeavour to the utmost of his power to procure sober, diligent and trusty persons to undertake it; and guard, in the best manner he is able, against robberies of the mails or losses of their contents otherwise:

That all ferry keepers be enjoined, as much as they are able, to expedite the passage of post-riders and other persons charged with letters, dispatches, or messages from or to Congress; and that it be recommended to the several legislatures of the United States to enforce the observance of this resolution:

That expresses and special messengers employed in the public service, taking and carrying private letters or packets, ought not to receive the wages they would otherwise be entitled to:

That the deputy post-master at head quarters be allowed four rations every day out of the public stores there, for the subsistence of himself, his riders and servant.

Congress took into consideration the case of the chevalier Roche de Fermoy; whereupon

*Resolved*,



*Resolved*, That the chevalier Matthias Alexis Roche de Fermoy be appointed a brigadier general in the army of the United States.

The committee to whom were referred the petition and accounts of Benjamin Eyre, brought in a report, which was read;

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the board of treasury.

A petition from Jeremiah Cady was read;

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the commissioners appointed to audit and settle the accounts of the northern army, and that they report specially thereon.

Certain resolutions of the convention of the state of New-York were laid before Congress and read;

*Ordered*, That they be referred to a committee of three:

The members chosen, Mr. Hopkinson, Mr. Whipple, and Mr. Hart.

The several matters to this day referred being postponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, November 6, 1776.

A letter of the 3d from R. H. Harrison, inclosing one of the 2d from brigadier general Parsons; one of the 30th of October from general Schuyler at Saratoga, inclosing a copy of instructions to officers appointed to recruit for the service of the United States; one of the 31st of October from J. Trumbull, deputy paymaster general; and one of the same date from governor Trumbull, inclosing a resolve of the General Assembly of Connecticut, appointing John Lawrence, esq; of Hartford, commissioner to superintend the loan-office in that state, were read:

*Ordered*, That the letter from general Schuyler, and that from Mr. Harrison, with the letter inclosed, be referred to the board of war:

That the letter from governor Trumbull and that from J. Trumbull, paymaster; also the letter of the 29th of August from general Schuyler, together with the memorial from colonel Brown, and the officers certificate inclosed therein, be referred to the board of treasury.

The committee of treasury brought in a report, which was taken into consideration: whereupon

*Resolved*, That the report of a court of enquiry, appointed by general Schuyler, and held at Albany, the 5th of October, in consequence of a resolution of Congress of the 30th of July last, confirming general Montgomery's promise "to give to the troops concerned in taking the vessels on the Sorel all the public stores, except ammunition and provisions, on board thereof," be referred to the  
commissioners

commissioners for adjusting the accounts of the northern army; that they be directed to make strict enquiry into the matter, and inform themselves by the evidence of persons who served at that time as quarter-master and commissary of stores in the said army, and of any others, what part, or whether all the stores mentioned in the report were taken for the public service: that they allow to the officers and men which they shall find entitled thereto, the amount of so many of the stores as shall appear to have been taken for the army as aforesaid, and have not been paid for, after deducting therefrom such reasonable expences as have accrued to any of the captors in obtaining an adjustment of the prize-money, and ordering the amount of such articles of the prize-goods as the said captors have received and were not given to them as bounties, to be deducted from their respective proportions: that the pay-master be directed, upon receiving general Schnyler's warrant for payment of the same, to proportion it among such officers and men as the general and commissioners shall direct, agreeably to the pay allowed by the establishment at that time, without any regard to rations.

The marine committee brought in a report, which was taken into consideration, whereupon

*Resolved*, That three persons well skilled in maritime affairs, be immediately appointed to execute the business of the navy under the direction of the marine committee.

The remainder of the report at the request of a colony was postponed till to-morrow.

*Ordered*, That commissions be delivered to the captains and subalterns of the 6th virginia battalion, and the dates be filled up by general Stephen.

*Resolved*, That 4000 dollars be advanced to colonel Lawson of the 4th virginia battalion, for the payment of the said battalion, he to be accountable; and that the money be paid into the hands of Thomas Gaskins.

Two bills were presented to Congress, one drawn by general Lee for 64 dollars, dated Petersburg, 28th September, 1776, the other of the same date, by Jacob Morris, aid-de-camp to general Lee, for 150 dollars, both in favour of John Bannister, and drawn upon William Paley, esq; paymaster-general at Philadelphia.

*Ordered*, That they be paid, and charged to the account of general Lee.

*Resolved*, That Wyllie Jones, esq; of Halifax, Robert Smith, esq; of Edenton, and Alexander Telfer, esq; of Halifax, or any two of them, be appointed to audit and settle the continental accounts in Virginia.

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The committee of treasury reported that there is due,  
To Benjamin Wallace, and to be paid to Charles Risk,  
for victualling 45 men of the flying camp, 4.45 dollars:

To Francis Hopkinson, esq; for his and J. Wilson, esq;  
expences, &c. at Bristol to make inquiry respecting dis-  
patches sent from head quarters and lost by the expresse,  
25.60 dollars:

To Sebastian Miller, for the hire of a waggon with mo-  
ney from Philadelphia to Boston, 65.30 dollars:

To John Gibson, esq; auditor general, for half a years  
salary due the 9th of October last, 533.30 dollars:

*Ordered*, That the said accounts be paid.

The ship lady Catharine, George Ord, master, which  
was sent out last winter, being returned;

*Resolved*, That the secret committee be impowered and  
directed to settle the accounts of the voyage, and report  
in what manner the cargo imported is to be disposed of.

The several matters to this day referred being postponed,  
adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, November 7, 1776.

A petition from John Connolly was read;

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee appoint-  
ed to examine into the state of prisoners in the public  
goal of Philadelphia.

Whereas the late major general Ward, since his resigna-  
tion of his trust, has continued in command in the eastern  
department at the request of the commander in chief, and  
still continues therein at the request of Congress, it is  
therefore,

*Ordered*, That he receive the pay of a major general,  
commanding in a separate department, from the 26th day  
of April last, being the time of his resignation, and until  
a suitable person shall be appointed to take the command  
in his stead, or it shall be otherwise ordered by Congress.

*Resolved*, That Richard Bache be appointed postmaster  
general in the room of Doctor Franklin, who is absent.

An appeal having been lodged with the secretary against  
the sentence passed in the court of admiralty, for the port  
of Philadelphia, in the state of Pennsylvania, on the libel,  
"John Barry, &c. v. the sloop Betsey, &c."

*Ordered*, That the hearing and determining upon the  
said appeal be referred to a committee of five:

The members chosen, Mr. Wythe, Mr. Paine, Mr. Wil-  
son, Mr. Hooper, and Mr. Rutledge.

The board of war brought in a report which was taken  
into consideration; whereupon



*Resolved*, 1. That 266.60 dollars be advanced to captain Francis Holland, and 133.30 dollars to captain Robert Harris, both of the Maryland flying camp, they to be respectively accountable to the council of safety of that state for the said sums, which are to be for the use of, and charged to the account of their respective companies :

2. That 1110 67 dollars be advanced to captain Alexander Lawfon Smith, of the late colonel Stevenson's rifle regiment, to pay the subsistence money of, and to enable him to advance a month's pay to the said company :

3. That commissions be sent to general Schuyler, for colonel Elmore's regiment, to be filled up according to the ranks and times of service of the officers of the said regiment ; the general making such arrangements therein as he shall think just and proper :

4. That commissions be also sent to general Schuyler, to be filled up with the names of the officers yet unprovided for, who have served in Canada, according to their ranks and merits, to complete colonel Livingston's regiment :

5. That general Schuyler, agreeable to his request, have permission to repair to Congress as soon as he shall be of opinion the service will admit of his absence from his department :

6. That general Schuyler be informed that Congress have repeatedly applied to Maryland on the subject of the nantikoke indians, without having received an answer ; that application shall again be made, and information given him of the result :

7. That general Schuyler be allowed to give such cloathing to the indians as he shall think can be spared for that purpose :

8. That the deputy muster-master general, in the northern department have the rank of lieutenant colonel in the army of the United States :

9. That general Washington be requested to take proper steps for trying all deserters from his army, and punishing, in the most exemplary manner the articles of war will admit, all such officers and soldiers who shall be base enough disgracefully to leave the service of their country at this time of trial and danger.

*Resolved*, That each of the persons to be appointed to execute the business of the navy under the direction of the marine committee, be allowed the salary of 1500 dollars per annum.

A letter from colonel Miles to William Wister, was laid before Congress and read ; wherein he intimates that an exchange



exchange may be accomplished of him for Mr. Foxcroft, and perhaps of colonel Atlee or lieutenant colonel Piper, for Mr. Dashwood:

*Ordered*, That the letter be transmitted to general Washington, and that he be desired to do therein what he shall think proper.

The several matters to this day referred being postponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock morrow.

FRIDAY, November 8, 1776.

A letter of the 4th, from R. Dallam, esq; was read; whereupon

*Resolved*, That 5000 dollars be paid to Gustavus Rifberg, A. Q. M. general, and charged to the account of Richard Dallam, agreeably to the request of the said R. Dallam; and that the letter be referred to the board of treasury.

*Resolved*, That doctor Witherspoon have leave to take with him to Princeton, Archibald Gardiner, James Henderson, Peter Jack, and Hugh Ross, four of the prisoners lately sent to Philadelphia, and there to keep them till the further orders of Congress.

The committee appointed to devise means for preventing the evils to be apprehended from the internal enemies of the United States, and hindering them from carrying on correspondence with the foreign enemies to the said States, brought in a report which was read:

*Ordered*, That the consideration thereof be postponed to Monday next.

A petition from Paul Christman, ensign in captain William Keyser's company from Maryland in the german battalion, was read, praying leave to resign his commission:

*Resolved*, That leave be granted.

The committee of treasury reported,

That there ought to be advanced to colonel Valentine Crawford, one of the executors of the late colonel Hugh Stephenson, on account of his estate, 100 dollars:

That there is due to the following canadian prisoners, and to be paid to captain Chartier de Lotbinier 253.30 dollars; viz.

To captain Lotbinier, for his allowance from the 2d of November, 1775, to the 31st of October, 1776, 52 weeks at 2 dollars, 104 dollars:

Of which he received from general Schuyler, 14.60 dol. remains to be paid to him, 89.30 dollars:

To monsieur Tonancour, for his allowance from the 2d of November, 1775, to the 31st of October, 1776, 52 weeks at 2 dollars, 104 dollars:

To

To monsieur Dochambault for his allowance from the 31st of August to the 8th of November, 10 weeks at 2 dollars, . . . 20 dollars:

To monsieur Fleurimont for his allowance from the 31st of August to the 8th of November, 10 weeks at 2 dollars, . . . 20 dollars:

To monsieur St. Ours for his allowance from the 31st of August to the 8th of November, 10 weeks at 2 dollars, 20 dollars:

*Ordered*, That the said accounts be paid.

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to consider and report under what restrictions the sutlers, who supply the army, should be laid, and that the motions made by Mr. Gerry, and seconded, be referred to this committee:

The members chosen, Mr. Gerry, Mr. Wythe, and Mr. Wolcott.

A petition from J. Budden and T. Lawrence was read, requesting leave to export provisions to Turk's island, in order to bring from thence a load of salt:

*Resolved*, That leave be granted.

The board of war brought in a report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon

*Resolved*, That mynheer N. D. Ottendorf be appointed a brevet captain in the service of the United States.

*Resolved*, That Tuesday next be assigned for taking into consideration the trade of these states.

*Resolved*, That the sum of 2666.60 dollars be advanced to the committee appointed to contract for casting cannon; they to be accountable.

A letter from Tench Cox, at Trenton, to John Tabor Kempe, esq; of New-York, was laid before Congress, and leave requested to forward the same in order to obtain the release of Mrs. Lewis, who is detained a prisoner by the enemy on Long-Island:

*Resolved*, That this matter be referred to the board of war:

That the delegates of New-Jersey be directed to cause strict inquiry to be made through what channel Mr. Kempe conveyed the intelligence mentioned in the foregoing letter.

*Resolved*, That 120 dollars be advanced to captain George Gibson of the first virginia battalion, he to account with the paymaster general on the settlement of his accounts.

A letter from James Sullivan was read and referred to the board of war.

The several matters to this day referred being postponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

SATURDAY,

SATURDAY, November 9, 1776.

*Resolved*, That two months pay, being 250 dollars, be advanced to brigadièr general Roche de Fermoy, he to be accountable :

*Ordered*, That he repair to the northern army, and put himself under the command of general Schuyler.

A letter of the 3d from Timothy Danielson, chairman of a committee of the General Assembly of Massachusetts-Bay appointed to officer and inlist seven battalions out of the officers and soldiers in the continental army near White Plains, with sundry papers inclosed, was read :

*Ordered*, That the same be referred to a committee of three :

The members chosen, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Rutledge, and Mr. Wythe.

*Resolved*, That two months pay be advanced to captain Ottendorf; and that he be ordered to repair to head quarters and put himself under the command of general Washington.

The committee of treasury reported that there is due,

To Robert Towers, commissary, for sundry articles purchased by him by direction of the board of war, and to be charged to the account of the said board, 526.74 dollars:

That 3280 dollars be advanced to captain Calsdorp, to pay the arrearages due to his company of carpenters sent to Ticonderoga; for which he is to account :

That 50,000 dollars be sent to Richard Dallam, esq; deputy paymaster general for the flying camp; he to be accountable :

*Ordered*, That the said sums be paid.

The committee appointed to consider and report under what restrictions the sutlers who supply the army, ought to be laid, brought in a report, which was read, and after some debate thereon,

*Resolved*, That the farther consideration thereof be postponed to Monday.

Congress having received intelligence that a free and open communication and correspondence is kept up with the enemy on Staten-Island and New-York, from Elizabeth-town, Newark, and the parts adjacent, to the great detriment of the American cause : It is therefore recommended to the governor, council and assembly of the state of New-Jersey, to take the most speedy and effectual measures to stop all communication between that state and the enemy's quarters, that shall not be directed by proper authority.

A memorial from Lawrence Bowden, late master of the ship Royal Exchange, taken by the ship of war Columbus, was presented to Congress and read ;

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the marine committee.

*Resolved*,

*Resolved*, That Congress will on Tuesday next resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the means of supporting the credit of the continental currency.

The several matters to this day referred being postponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock on Monday.

MONDAY, November 11, 1776.

A letter of the 6th from general Washington; one of the 8th from brigadier general Mercer; and one from Richard Bache, esq; were read;

*Ordered*, That the two former be referred to the board of war, and the latter to the board of treasury.

*Resolved*, That colonel James Livingston have leave to recruit his regiment in any of the United States.

A petition from Charles Noel Romand, sieur de Lisle, captain in a corps of artillery in the service of France, was read;

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the board of war.

*Resolved*, That the board of war be impowered and directed immediately to confer with the council of safety of Pennsylvania, or a committee by them appointed, on the best ways and means of defending the city of Philadelphia, in case it should be attacked.

*Resolved*, That the committee of treasury or either of them be impowered to administer oaths to persons whom they shall examine or employ in executing the resolutions of Congress.

The committee to whom the letter from Timothy Danielson and the papers inclosed therein were referred brought in a report, which was read, and after debate

*Resolved*, That the farther consideration thereof be postponed.

The several matters to this day referred being postponed, adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, November 12, 1776.

A letter of the 10th from general Mifflin; one of the same date from R. Dallam; and one of the 9th from doctor Shippen, were read.

The committee of treasury reported that there is due,

To George Stulz, for iron work and repairing a continental light waggon, 12.60 dollars:

To John Tyler, for bayonet scabbards and repairing arms for the german battalion, 82.30 dollars:

To mons. Lotbinier, a canadian chaplain, for his pay and rations from 10th of October to 10th of November, 41.30 dollars:

To



To doctor Beaumont, a prisoner, of the 26th regiment, for his allowance from 21st July to 3d November inclusive, being 15 weeks at 2 dollars a week, 30 dollars:

To William McLeod, a prisoner, of the 59th regiment, for his allowance from 21st July to 3d November inclusive, being 15 weeks at 2 dollars a week, 30 dollars:

That there is to be paid to Daniel du Chemin, for the allowance due to Messrs. Hertel, Giffon, and la Magdalaine, canadian prisoners, from the 1st August to 6th November inclusive, 14 weeks at 2 dollars a week, 28 dollars each, 84 dollars:

That there should be paid to Joel Zane, for the allowance due to lieutenant Hamar, of the 7th regiment, from 20th July to 1st November inclusive, 15 weeks at 2 dollars a week, 30 dollars; and to captain Swan, of the 26th regiment, from 21st June to 1st November, being 19 weeks at 2 dollars, 38 dollars; the whole 68 dollars:

To James Budden, for himself and others of the light horse, their expences as an escort with money to New-York, 82 dollars, and for his expences with general Prescott from Reading to Philadelphia, 24.42 dollars; both sums making 106.42 dollars:

To William Woodhouse, for wafers for the use of Congress, 1.12 dollars:

To Thomas Smith, for paper for the use of the commissioners for the New-York department, 15.78 dollars:

That there should be paid to doctor Rush, 625 dollars, for five months advance pay to brigadier general Thompson, who is to be accountable:

*Ordered*, That the said accounts be paid.

The committee of treasury to whom that part of the petition and memorial of John Brown, lieutenant colonel of the regiment commanded by colonel Elmore, praying that his extraordinary services in Canada last year may be considered, was referred, brought in a report, which was read;

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

A letter to Willing and Morris from Samuel Smith, master of the Hancock and Adams, (who on his passage to Philadelphia was taken by the Gamecock privateer, of Rhode-Island, commanded by Timothy Pierce, and carried into Bedford in Massachusetts-Bay) dated Bedford port, Nov. 1, was laid before Congress and read;

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the secret committee, and that they report the cargo on board the Hancock and Adams, and how it ought to be disposed of.

The board of war, to whom a request from the state of Virginia was referred, brought in a report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon

*Resolved*,

*Resolved*, That the demands of the continent for cannon are at present of so pressing a nature, that none can be spared for the particular use of any state; but as soon as a sufficient quantity of ordnance is supplied to the United States, the request of the state of Virginia to be permitted to purchase cannon at Hughe's works shall be complied with:

That monsieur Romand de Lisle be appointed a major of artillery in the service of the United States, and sent to general Washington to be employed as he shall think proper.

A petition from James-McConaughy was read:

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the board of war.

A memorial from Azariah Dunham was read:

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the council of safety of Pennsylvania.

A letter of the 9th from general Washington, inclosing one of the 31st of October from general Gates at Ticonderoga was read.

Congress resumed the consideration of the report of the committee on the letter of Timothy Danielson; whereupon

*Resolved*, As the opinion of Congress, that if the soldiers to be raised by the state of Massachusetts-Bay be insisted on the terms offered to them, which are more advantageous than what are offered to other soldiers serving in the same army, it would much retard if not totally impede the enlistment of the latter, and produce discontent and murmur, unless Congress should equally increase the pay of these, which it is the opinion of Congress, would universally be reprobated as an immoderate expence, and complained of as a grievous burden by those who must bear it; and therefore that the committee from the state of Massachusetts-Bay, be desired not to insist their men on the additional pay offered by the Assembly of that state.

Upon re-considering the resolution of the 16th of September last, for raising eighty-eight battalions to serve during the present war with Great-Britain, Congress being of opinion that the readiness of the inhabitants of these states to enter into the service for limited times in defence of their invaluable privileges on all former occasions, gives good ground to hope the same zeal for the public good will appear in future when necessity calls for their assistance; and least the uncertain length of time which forces raised during the continuance of the present war may be compelled to serve, may prevent men from enlisting who would otherwise

otherwise manifest their attachment to the common cause by engaging for a limited time ; therefore

*Resolved*, That all non-commissioned officers and foldiers who do not incline to engage their service during the continuance of the present war, and shall inlist to serve three years, unless sooner discharged by Congress, shall be intitled to and receive all such bounty and pay as are allowed to those who inlist during the continuance of the present war, except the one hundred acres of land ; which land is to be granted to those only who inlist without such limitation of time. And each recruiting officer is required to provide two distinct inlisting rolls, one for such to sign as inlist during the continuance of the war, and the other for such as inlist for three years, if their service shall be so long required.

The several matters to this day referred being postponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, November 13, 1776.

A letter of the 12th of October from Joseph Trumbull, commissary general was read ; whereupon

*Resolved*, That 40000 dollars be advanced to Thomas Lowry, and charged to the account of Joseph Trumbull, agreeable to his request.

The marine committee having recommended colonel John Nixon and John Wharton, as fit persons to execute the business of the navy under the direction of the marine committee :

*Resolved*, That they be accepted.

A letter of the 10th from M. Tilghman, president of the convention of Maryland, inclosing sundry resolutions of that body, relative to the raising their quota of the new levies, was laid before Congress and read :

*Ordered*, That the president furnish the commissioners of the said state sent therefrom to raise their levies with the resolution of yesterday admitting the new levies to inlist for three years only, and at the same time inform them that if the inhabitants of that state will inlist to serve during the continuance of the present war, they already have the faith of the United States of America pledged for the land to be granted to such soldiers.

The committee of treasury reported, that there is due,

To monsieur la Marque, a canadian prisoner, for his allowance from the 31st of August to the 8th of November inclusive, being 10 weeks at 2 dollars a week, 20 dollars, to be paid to monsieur de la Magdalaine :

To captain Thomas Gamble, a prisoner of the 47th regiment,



giment, for his allowance from the 10th of August to the 2d of November inclusive, 12 weeks at 2 dollars a week, 24 dollars. to be paid to James Biddle, esq :

To Michael Leightner, and to be paid to George Aston, for victualling troops on their march, 15.5 dollars :

To John Nourse for ferriage of himself, and of general Lee and his servants, horses, &c. over Hoes ferry, 4.60 dollars, to be paid to colonel B. Harrison :

To doctor Samuel Wilson for board, attendance, and medicine to sick soldiers of the 6th virginia regiment, 33.60 dollars :

To Wollere Meng, for 12 scabbards delivered to captain Ralph Falconer, of the 5th virginia battalion, 4.72 dollars :

That there should be paid to Thomas Armer, on account of Elizabeth Robinson, for so much short paid on settlement of her account, the 14th of October last for board, &c. of sick soldiers belonging to captain Grier's company, 10 dollars :

That there should be paid to the pennsylvania hospital, for the support and cloathing of J. Hughes, a wounded soldier, 36.54 dollars :

That there should be paid to Adam Eccle, 8.78 dollars, being so much paid by him to serjeant John Byers, of captain Hubley's company, in colonel Shee's battalion, to enable him to support his party, being a guard to powder from Philadelphia to North-Carolina :

That there is due to William Oharra, a soldier in the late captain William Hendricks's company, taken at Quebec and now returned, for his pay from 1st January to 10th November, 10 months and 10 days, at 6.60 dollars a month, 68.80 dollars :

To Henry Taylor, a soldier in captain Smith's rifle company, taken at Quebec, and now returned ; for his pay, from 1st June to 10th November, 5 months and 10 days, at 6.60 dollars, 35.50 dollars :

To doctor William Sarringhause, for medicine and attendance to sick of captain Woelpper's company in the german battalion, 24.1 dollars :

To Benjamin Eyre, shipwright, for his pay and rations employed in constructing row-gallies at New-York, horse hire, and travelling expences to Albany to engage boards, &c. for the army, 427.77 dollars :

That 60,000 dollars be sent to R. Dallam, esq ; deputy paymaster general of the flying camp, for the use of the army :

That there is due to Daniel Naef, for the ferriage of virginia



virginia troops, their baggage, waggons and horses over  
Susquehannah, 61.72 dollars :

To Andrew M'Nair, for his attendance on Congress  
146 days, cleaning house, &c. to the 1st of November,  
118.81 dollars :

*Ordered*, That the said accounts be paid.

The board of treasury brought in a report respecting  
the certificates to be given to the lenders of the five millions  
of dollars voted to be borrowed, which was read.

The board of war brought in a report, which was taken  
into consideration; whereupon

*Resolved*, That 2000 dollars be advanced to colonel Hau-  
senger for the use of the german battalion, he to be account-  
able.

*Resolved*, That the remainder of the report be postponed  
till to-morrow.

The secret committee, to whom the letter from captain  
Smith was referred, brought in a report, which was taken  
into consideration; whereupon

*Resolved*, That the secret committee be directed to write  
letters to governor Cooke, to the continental agent in  
Rhode-Island, and such other persons as they shall think  
proper, to make strict inquiry into the conduct of captain  
Timothy Pierce, respecting the capture or seizure of the  
ship Hancock and Adams, employed in the continental ser-  
vice, and cause him to be prosecuted for the penalty of the  
bond given, when he received his commission; if it shall  
appear on the inquiry that in justice to the continent such  
prosecution should be commenced: and the said committee  
are authorised to do what may be necessary for supporting  
the prosecution.

The remainder of the report postponed.

The several matters to this day referred being postponed,  
adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, November 14, 1776.

A letter of the 4th from R. H. Harrison, and one of the  
17th October from James Bowdoin, esq; were read;

*Ordered*, That they be referred to the board of war.

*Resolved*, That a committee of two be appointed to con-  
fer with the council of safety of Pennsylvania, and inquire  
what quantity of salt they have on hand, or expect shortly,  
and what proportion can be spared for the public service:

The members chosen, Mr. S. Adams and Mr. Whipple.

Information being given to Congress that part of the ene-  
my's fleet was seen coming out of the Hook and steering  
its course to the southward;

*Resolved*,

*Resolved*, That copies of the letter giving the information be sent by express to general Washington, and to governor Livingston of New-Jersey, and also to the southern states.

*Resolved*, That the board of war confer immediately with the council of safety of Pennsylvania, and co-operate with them in devising ways and means for calling forth the strength of that and the neighbouring states, for the defence of this city against any attempts which the enemy may make to obtain possession of it; and that for this purpose the board of war be invested with the full powers of Congress to promote most effectually this important purpose:

That the marine committee also be directed to make such disposition of the naval force now in the river Delaware or the neighbourhood thereof as will best conduce to defeat the designs of the enemy.

The several matters to this day referred being postponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, November 15, 1776.

A letter of the 11th from general Washington at Peekskill; one of the 5th from general Gates at Ticonderoga, informing of general Carlton's retreat from Crown Point; one of the 8th from general Schuyler at Albany; one of the 12th from general Green; one without date from general Lewis; one from Robert Ogden of the 11th; and one from R. Dallah to R. Peters; were laid before Congress and read:

*Ordered*, That the letter from general Lewis be referred to the marine committee.

*Resolved*, That the council of safety of Pennsylvania be requested to supply E. Blaine, esq; with 230 bushels of salt for the public service: that the said council of safety be, and they are hereby requested, to supply messrs. Lowry, Wharton, Ogden, and Dunham, assistants to the commissary general, or any one of them, with one half of such quantities of salt as are or may be in their hands, for the use of the continent.

Two memorials, one from Eleazer Oswald and the other from Samuel Lockwood, were read;

*Ordered*, That they be referred to the board of war.

Monsr. Romand de Lisle, who on the 12th was appointed a major of artillery, thinking that appointment inadequate to his merit and abilities, and requesting to be sent to general Washington, that he may have an opportunity of giving a specimen of his abilities;

*Resolved*, That he have leave to go to general Washington.

*Ordered*, That the marine committee apply to the council

oil of safety of Pennsylvania for 1500, 24lb. 1800, 18lb. cannon shot, and 500 bar shot, which shall be replaced by Congress; and that the said committee send the shot and six tons of powder to South-Carolina, for the defence of that state and North-Carolina :

That a copy of the intelligence contained in general Green's letter of the 12th, be sent by express with all possible expedition to the southern states.

The secret committee having reported that the cargo, belonging to the continent, imported in the Hancock and Adams consisted of the following articles, viz. 72 chests of arms, 311 barrels of gun-powder, 338 pigs of lead, 9 casks of gun flints, 1 cask of pins, 133 barrels tin plates, 5 cases of iron wire, 70 casks salt petre, and 10 bales merchandize :

*Resolved*, That the secret committee direct the intire cargo of the Hancock and Adams to be landed at Bedford, and deposited in places of safety, under the care of the committee of that place, until ordered from thence :

That the muskets, powder, lead and gun flints be delivered by the committee of Bedford to the order of the board of war, who are to inform the general of these stores, and direct the whole, or any part that may be wanted for the use of the army, to be delivered to him; with an injunction not to put the muskets into the hands of any but those soldiers who insist under the late resolves and regulations of Congress:

That every part of the merchandize on board the said ship, that is now wanted for the use of the army, be applied to that use, and that the secret committee inform general Mifflin, the quarter-master general, thereof, and inclose him an order for the immediate delivery of all such parts as he shall desire :

That the remainder of the cargo be subject to the directions of the secret committee, who are impowered to order it from thence, either by sea or land, to any other part or parts of these states, where the articles may be wanted for the public service.

The committee of treasury reported that there is due,

To the trustees for the poor of Frederick county, Maryland, for board and attendance of sick soldiers of the maryland troops in continental service, 58.30 dollars, to be paid to Nicholas Hower :

To doctor Nicholas Way, for medicine, attendance, lodging, nursing, &c. of sick soldiers of the 5th and 6th virginia regiments, 467.36 dollars :

*Ordered*, That the said accounts be paid.

Congress took into consideration the report of the committee relative to the navy; whereupon *Resolved*,

*Resolved*, That a bounty of 20 dollars be paid to the commanders, officers, and men of such continental ships or vessels of war as shall make prize of any british ships or vessels of war for every cannon mounted on board each prize at the time of such capture, and 8 dollars per head for every man then on board and belonging to such prize.

That the rank of the naval officers be to the rank of officers in the land service as follows

Admiral as a general.

Vice-Admiral as a lieutenant-general.

Rear-Admiral as a major-general.

Commodore as a brigadier-general.

Captain of a ship of 40 guns and upwards as a colonel.

Captain of a ship of 20 to 40 guns as a lieutenant-colonel.

Captain of a ship of 10 to 20 guns as a major.

Lieutenant in the navy as a captain.

That the pay of all officers and men in the american navy, from the date of the new commissions under the free and independant states of America, be as follows

Of ships of 20 guns and upwards.	Per cal. mo.	Of 10 to 20 guns.
Captain,	60 dollars,	48 dollars,
Lieutenant,	30	24
Master,	30	24
Master's Mate,	15	15
Boatswain,	15	13
Boatswain's Mate,	9 and one half,	9
Gunner,	15	13
Gunner's Mate,	9 and one half,	9
Surgeon,	25	21 2-3
Surgeon's Mate,	15	13 1-3
Carpenter,	15	13
Carpenter's Mate,	9 1-2	9
Cooper,	9	9
Midshipman,	12	12
Armourer,	9	9
Sailmaker,	10	10
Sailmaker's Mate,	8 1-3	8 1-3
Yeoman,	8 1-2	8 1-2
Quartermaster,	9	8 1-2
Cook,	9	8 1-2
Coxswain,	9	9
Captain's Clerk,	15	12
Steward,	10	10
Chaplain,	20	none
Yeoman of powder room,	9 1-2	9
		Master



Of ships of 20 guns and upwards. Per cal. mo. Of 10 to 20 guns.

Master at arms, 10 9 dollars.

Seamen, 8 8

That vessels under ten guns be commanded by lieutenants :

That the pay of the officers in such vessels be,

Lieutenant commanding, 30 dollars.

Mate, — — 15

Boatswain, — — 12

Gunner, — — 12

Carpenter, — — 12

The other officers and men the same as in vessels from 10 to 20 guns :

Marine officers,——Captain, 30 dollars.

Lieutenant, 20

Non-commissioned officers and soldiers the same as in the land service.

*Resolved*, That the president write to general Washington and inform him he has leave to negotiate an exchange of the foreign troops in the pay of Great-Britain, that are prisoners to these states.

Congress took into consideration a report from the board of treasury for carrying into execution the resolutions of Congress relative to the loan-offices ; whereupon

*Resolved*,—That the certificates be of the following denominations—

737 of 1000	737000
1470 of 600	882000
2205 of 500	1,102,500
2940 of 400	1,176,000
3675 of 300	1,102,500
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11027	5,000,000

That the value or denomination of the certificates, be in different parts thereof in print and writing :

That each denomination have a check letter, corresponding with a letter in the margin to be left in the book :

That the several denominations be further distinguished from each other by having the border at the end of the certificate varied or altered from the rest :

That the engraved ornaments between the margin, or part left in the book and the certificate, be cut indent-wise, first having occasional dashes made with a pen a cross it, of the colour with which the treasurer signs his name :

That

That the impressions of the rolling press with the figure of the treasurer in certificates of the highest denomination be made with yellow ink, of the second with blue, of the third with red, of the fourth with green, and of the fifth or lowest denomination with purple.

A petition from Joseph Dean, Matthew Irwin, John Dunlap and Benjamin Harbeson was read ;

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the board of war.

Doctor Charles Ludwig having been duly examined on the practice of surgery and medicine, and recommended as duly qualified ;

*Resolved*, That he be appointed surgeon to the german battalion..

The several matters to this day referred being postponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock to morrow.

SATURDAY, November, 16, 1776.

*Resolved*, That 300 dollars be advanced to the secretary of the board of war for contingent expences, he to be accountable.

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the convention of North Carolina, to station brigadier general Moore with the regular troops under his command in such parts of that state, or of the state of South Carolina, where they will be in a capacity to render immediate and seasonable assistance to their friends in South Carolina ; and that they may be on the spot to oppose the enemy when, and wheresoever they shall attempt to make their landing good in that state ; and that the convention of North Carolina do immediately at the continental expence embody five thousand militia to complete any military operations already begun by general Moore, to defend the state of North Carolina, or march to the relief of their neighbours in South Carolina or Virginia, where there shall be most occasion for their support..

The committee on the lottery brought in a report, which was read :

*Ordered*, That it be taken into consideration on Monday next.

The several matters to this day referred being postponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock on Monday.

MONDAY, November 18, 1776.

*Resolved*, That 40,000 dollars be advanced to the council of safety of Pennsylvania, the said state to be accountable.

A letter

A letter of the 14th from general Washington, inclosing copies of letters which passed between him and general Howe; one of the 6th from general Gates; one of the 10th from Richard Stockton and G. Clymer, esqrs. at Albany; one of the 11th from general Schuyler at Albany; one of the 16th from general Stephen at Amboy; one of the 1st from B. Harrison, paymaster in the southern department; and one of the 8th from brigadier general Lewis at Williamsburgh were read:

*Ordered*, That the letters from general Washington, general Schuyler, general Gates and brigadier general Stephen be referred to the board of war; that the letters from brigadier general Lewis and B. Harrison be referred to the board of treasury.

A letter and memorial from Joseph Trumbull, esq; and a memorial from E. Hazard were read.

*Ordered*, That they be referred to the board of war.

A letter from Juliana Zedwitz was read, and referred to the committee on the state of prisoners.

*Resolved*, That a member be added to the said committee, and that they be directed to take into consideration the case of lieutenant M'Lean, who was sent to Philadelphia by general Wooster. The member chosen, Mr. Hooper.

The marine committee having recommended Francis Hopkinson, esq; as a fit person to execute the business of the navy under their direction;

*Resolved*, That he be accepted.

A memorial of Isaac Cox, in behalf of Alexander Frazer and others, inhabitants of the island of Providence, owners of two sloops called the Dragon and the Molly, taken by private sloops of war called the Congress and Chance, and brought into the port of Philadelphia but afterwards released, praying for letters of safe conduct for the said sloops to the port of Providence, in order to prevent any arrest or molestation by the vessels of war in the service of the United States:

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petition be granted.

A petition from Muscoe Livingston was read;

*Ordered*, That it be referred to a committee of three:

The members chosen, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Wythe and Mr. Ross.

Congress took into consideration the report of the committee on the lottery; whereupon

*Resolved*, That the scheme of the lottery be as follows, viz.

That it consist of 100,000 tickets, each ticket to be divided into four billets and to be drawn in four classes.

First Class, at 10 dollars each billet,	1,000,000
Deduction, at 15 per cent.	150,000

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850,000

Prizes. 1 of 10,000	10,000	
2 of 5000	10,000	
30 of 1000	30,000	
400 of 500	200,000	
20,000 of 20	400,000	
Carried to the fourth class,	200,000	850,000

Second Class, 100,000 billets at 20 dollars each,	2,000,000
Deduction, at 15 per cent.	300,000

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1,700,000

Prizes. 1 of 20,000	20,000	
2 of 10,000	20,000	
10 of 5000	50,000	
100 of 1000	100,000	
820 of 500	410,000	
20,000 of 30	600,000	
Carried to the fourth class,	500,000	1,700,000

Third Class, 100,000 billets at 30 dollars each,	3,000,000
Deduction, at 15 per cent.	450,000

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2550,000

Prizes. 1 of 30,000	30,000	
1 of 20,000	20,000	
2 of 15,000	30,000	
2 of 10,000	20,000	
10 of 5,000	50,000	
200 of 1000	200,000	
1000 of 500	500,000	
20,000 of 40	800,000	
Carried to the fourth class,	900,000	2550,000

Fourth Class, 100,000 billets at 40 dollars each,	4,000,000
Deduction, at 15 per cent.	600,000

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3,400,000

Brought from the first class,	200,000
from the second class,	500,000
from the third class,	900,000

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Total, 5,000,000

Prizes.



Prizes. 1 of 50,000	50,000
2 of 25,000	50,000
2 of 10,000	20,000
10 of 5,000	50,000
100 of 1,000	100,000
200 of 500	100,000
1000 of 300	300,000
15000 of 200	3,000,000
26000 of 50	1,300,000
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The lottery being intended to raise a sum of money on loan, bearing an annual interest of four per cent. which, with the sums arising from the deductions, is to be applied for carrying on the present most just and necessary war in defence of the lives, liberties and property of the inhabitants of these United States :

*Resolved*, That the fortunate adventurers in the first class, who draw more than 20 dollars, and so in the second and third classes who draw more than 30 or 40 dollars shall, at their option, receive a treasury bank note for the prize or prizes drawn, payable at the end of five years, and an annual interest on the same at the rate of four per cent. or the pre-emption of such billets in the next succeeding class, as shall not be renewed within the time herein after limited. Every adventurer in the first class shall have a right to go through the subsequent classes, but shall not be obliged to do it. The drawers of 20, 30 and 40 dollars in the first, second and third classes, who do not apply for their money within six weeks after the drawing ends, shall be deemed adventurers in the next succeeding class, and have their billets renewed without any farther trouble. If any others shall neglect or decline taking out and paying the price of their billets, for a subsequent class within six weeks after the drawing ends, their billets will be sold to the fortunate adventurers in the preceeding class, or to such as shall apply for the same. The fortunate adventurers in the last class who draw fifty dollars shall, upon application to the commissioners of the loan offices in the respective states where the drawers reside, receive their money without any deduction, and all, who draw above that sum, shall receive in like manner without deduction for the sums drawn, bank treasury notes payable at the end of five years after the drawing at the loan office of the state, in which the drawers reside. The interest to commence from the last day of drawing, and to be paid annually at the said respective loan offices :

That

That for carrying into execution the said lottery there shall be seven managers, who shall give bond, and be on oath for the faithful discharge of their duty :

That the money as fast as received by the managers for billets be lodged in the continental treasury :

That the drawing of the first class begin at Philadelphia on the 1st of March 1777 or sooner, if sooner full.

*Resolved*, That the farther consideration of the report be postponed 'till to-morrow.

The several matters to this day referred being postponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, November 19, 1776.

The convention of Maryland having appointed new delegates, two of them attending produced the credentials of their appointment, which were read as follows,

“ Maryland. In convention, November 10th, 1776.

*Resolved*, That the honourable Matthew Tilghman, esq; and Thomas Johnson jun. William Paca, Thomas Stone, Samuel Chase, Benjamin Rumsey and Charles Carroll, bar. esquires or any three or more of them be delegates to represent this state in Congress until the first day of March next, or until the General Assembly shall make further order therein, and that the said delegates or any three or more of them be authorised and empowered to concur with the other United States, or a majority of them in forming a confederation, and in making foreign alliances; provided that such confederation when formed be not binding upon this state without the assent of the General Assembly; and the said delegates or any three or more of them are also authorised and empowered to concur in any measures which may be resolved on by Congress for carrying on the war with Great-Britain, and securing the liberties of the United States, reserving always to this state the sole and exclusive right of regulating the internal police thereof. And the said delegates or any three or more of them are hereby authorised, and empowered notwithstanding any measure heretofore taken to concur with the Congress, or a majority of them in accommodating our unhappy difference with Great-Britain, on such terms as the Congress or a majority of them shall think proper. Extract from the minutes. G. Duvall.”

*Resolved*, That the board of treasury be directed, in settling brigadier-general Armstrong's accounts, to allow his charge for travelling expences to and from South-Carolina, amounting to 400 dollars.

A letter of the 16th from general Washington and one of the 17th from C. Biddle, were read. The

The board of war brought in a report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon

*Resolved*, That one hundred 3 pounders, fifty 6 pounders, fifty 12 pounders, thirteen 18 pounders, and thirteen 24 pounders, all of brass, be immediately provided as field artillery for the use of the armies of the United States:

That the secret committee be directed to take the most effectual measures for procuring the said brass artillery; that the said committee confer with the committee for procuring cannon, and consult with them how many they can provide:

That this matter be kept as secret as the nature of the business will admit.

*Resolved*, That 400 dollars be advanced to the delegates of North-Carolina, for the use of that state, which is to be accountable.

Congress resumed the consideration of the report on the lottery, whereupon

*Resolved*, That each of the managers shall receive for his trouble one tenth per centum, on all the money he shall receive on the sale of the tickets:

That the tickets or billets be sold for ready money:

That each of the managers give bond to the president for the use of the United States in the penalty of 20,000 dollars for the faithful discharge of their trust.

*Resolved*, That a member be added to the committee appointed to hear the appeal against the sentence passed on the libel John Barry, &c. v. the sloop Betsey &c. in the room of Mr. Rutledge.

The member chosen Mr. Chase.

Congress being informed there are two ensigncies vacant in the german battalion, proceeded to elect persons to fill up the same; and the ballots being taken,

George Howard and Jacob Lauder milk were elected.

The committee of treasury reported that there ought to be advanced to colonel James Livingston the sum of 2000 dollars for which he is to account with the commissioners for auditing the accounts in the northern department:

That there is due to Edward Rutledge Esq; for cash he paid by order of Congress to Joseph Beck an express to South Carolina with dispatches intercepted with Kirkland &c. the sum of 133.30 dollars, and for the expences of himself, Doct. Franklin and Mr. Adams, a committee to Staten Island and back, 71.30 dollars; the whole amounting to 204.60 dollars:

To Jos. Baldwin for ferriage of militia over Neshaminy ferry, 6.54 dollars:

To Samuel Pugh, for victualing troops of the flying camp on their march, 8 dollars:

To

To John Jarvis, for ferriage over Neshaminy, 12.21 dollars, and horse hire to different expresses, 10.36 dollars, the whole 22.57 dollars:

That there should be paid to the board of war, to be by them sent to Benjamin Harrison, jun. esq; deputy paymaster general in Virginia, the sum of 300,000 dollars for the use of the army in that department:

*Ordered*, That the said accounts be paid.

Congress resumed the consideration of the report of the board of war of the 13th instant; whereupon

*Resolved*, That the commissary general, or his deputies, make regular weekly returns of all rations issued or paid to the officers and privates of any regiment, troop or company in the service of the States, to the adjutant-general or his deputies, to be by him inserted in the general returns of the army, and transmitted to Congress monthly:

That on any sick or disabled non-commissioned officer or soldier being sent to any hospital or sick quarters, the captain or commandant of the troop or company to which he belongs, shall send to the surgeon or director of the said hospital, or give to the non-commissioned officer or soldier so in the hospital or quarters, a certificate, countersigned by the paymaster of the regiment, if he be with the regiment, of what pay is due to such sick non-commissioned officer or private at the time of his entering the hospital or quarters; and the captain or commandant of the troop or company shall not receive the pay of the said soldier in hospital or quarters, or include him in any pay abstract during his continuance therein. And in case any non-commissioned officer or soldier shall be discharged from the hospital or quarters as unfit for farther service, a certificate shall be given him by the surgeon or director of what pay is then due to him; and the said non-commissioned officer or soldier so discharged shall be entitled to receive his pay at any pay-office or from any paymaster in the service of the United States; the said paymaster keeping such original certificate, to prevent impositions, and giving the non-commissioned officer or soldier his discharge, or a certified copy thereof, mentioning at the same time his having been paid:

That this resolution be transmitted to the commanders in chief in the several departments, to be by them given out in orders and then delivered to the directors of the hospitals in each department, who are to cause the same to be fixed up in some conspicuous place or places in every military hospital for the information of all concerned:

That letters be immediately sent to the councils of safety, conventions, or legislatures of Pennsylvania and the states



to the southward thereof, desiring them forthwith to lay up magazines of military stores, ammunition and salt provisions in the safest and most convenient places in the said states respectively, for the use of such continental troops and militia as it may be necessary to bring into the field in the ensuing winter for the defence of these states:

That some proper person be appointed to act in the capacity of armourer, to assist the commissary of stores in inspecting, superintending repairs, and taking care of all continental arms in the public magazines at Philadelphia.

Congress deem it necessary upon every principle of propriety to remind the several states, how indispensable it is to the common safety, that they pursue the most immediate and vigorous measures to furnish their respective quotas of troops for the new army, as the time of service for which the present army is enlisted is so near expiring that the country may be left in a condition in a great measure defenceless, unless quickly supplied by new levies.

*Resolved*, That major Stewart, who brought the late intelligence from general Gates, and who is recommended as a deserving officer, have the rank of lieutenant-colonel by brevet, and be presented with a sword of the value of one hundred dollars.

The several matters to this day referred being postponed, adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, November 20, 1776.

*Resolved*, That 40,000 dollars be advanced to Mr. J. Mease for the public service; he to be accountable.

The keeper of the public prison having informed Congress that he has discovered a plot among the prisoners to effect an escape, which one of them has accomplished; and that he has good reason to believe horses are purchased in Philadelphia, and kept ready for them when they shall have escaped from prison; it was thereupon

*Resolved*, That the goal-keeper be directed to keep the prisoners in his custody close locked up till further orders:

That it be recommended to the council of safety of Pennsylvania to examine Mr. Jewell the goal-keeper respecting this matter, and to take every measure in their power to find out the accomplices in the plot, if any there are.

A letter of the 18th from lord Stirling was read.

The board of war, to whom were referred the memorials from captain Lockwood and captain Oswald, brought in a report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon

*Resolved*, That such parts of the said memorials as relate to their pay be referred to the board of treasury.

A letter of the 2d from the council of safety of Maryland was read and referred to the board of war.

A letter of the 6th from general Lee to doctor Franklin having been sent to the board of war and by them opened, was laid before Congress and read ;

*Ordered*, That the board of war prepare a letter to general Lee, and report the same to Congress.

Congress proceeded to the election of managers of the lottery, and the ballots being taken, the following gentlemen were chosen, viz.

Sharp Delany, John Purviance, Owen Biddle, Francis Lewis jun. Jacob Barge, Jonathan B. Smith and James Searle.

*Resolved*, That a member be added to the secret committee in the room of Mr. Bartlett, who is absent :

The member chosen, Mr. Whipple.

*Resolved*, That the postmaster general be directed to remove Bessonnet of Bristol in Pennsylvania from the office of deputy postmaster, and appoint some other trusty person in that town to that office :

That the committee appointed to inquire into the circumstances of the loss of the packet from general Washington, be directed to apply to the council of safety of Pennsylvania, to apprehend Bessonnet of Bristol and his bar-keeper, and bring them to Philadelphia for examination, taking care to keep them apart, and that they have the assistance of the continental troops in Philadelphia, if necessary :

That the said committee write to the commanding officer of the continental troops in New-Jersey, to make diligent search for one Wilkins who was at the tavern in Bristol when the packet was lost, and to send him, if found, under guard to Philadelphia.

*Resolved*, That the board of war be impowered to administer oaths to persons examined by them.

The committee of treasury reported that there is due to lieutenant Smith for his expences with a party to escort money to Brunswick, and to fort Montgomery, a ballance of 19 19 dollars, the amount of his account being 55.19 dollars, of which he received from Robert Erwin, 32 dollars, and from R. Dallam, 4 dollars, remains 19.19 dol.

*Ordered*, That the same be paid.

The board of treasury reported farther instructions to the commissioners for auditing the accounts of the army under the command of general Washington, which were agreed to as follows :

That in adjusting the accounts of persons whose particular circumstances may have rendered them unable to procure

cure vouchers, or who by unavoidable accidents have lost the same or any part of the public stores committed to their care, the commissioners endeavour to obtain the best information from the general officers or other persons relative to such accounts, and use a discretionary power in administering oaths or affirmations previous to their settling the same :

That the commissioners send to the state of Virginia and to the states northward and eastward thereof, for their accounts against the said army, if such accounts should not be forwarded, agreeable to a circular letter from the board of treasury to the said states :

That the commissioners use every precaution to prevent the loss of any public books or papers, that may be in their possession, and for this purpose that they apply to the quarter master general for a waggon and horses, to be under their direction :

That they consider the flying camp as part of general Washington's army, and adjust the accounts accordingly.

The marine committee brought in a report for encreasing the navy of the United States, which was taken into consideration ; whereupon

*Resolved*, That there be immediately undertaken

In New-Hampshire,	1 ship of 74 guns,
In Massachusetts-Bay,	1 ditto of 74 ditto,
	1 ditto of 36 ditto,
In Pennsylvania,	1 ditto of 74 ditto,
	1 brig of 18 ditto, and a packet-boat,
In Virginia,	2 frigates of 36 ditto each,
In Maryland,	2 ditto of 36 ditto each.

The several matters to this day referred being postponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, November 21, 1776.

*Resolved*, That 250 dollars be advanced to captain Gabriel Long, of the late colonel Stevenson's battalion, for the purpose of recruiting his company, he to be accountable :

That captain Long's accounts be referred to the board of treasury.

As the necessity of obtaining an army immediately to oppose the designs of the enemy is so evident and pressing as to render it proper to give all possible facility to that business :

*Resolved*, That each state be at liberty to direct their recruiting officers to enlist their men either for the war or three years, upon the respective bounties offered by Con-

gress, without presenting inlisting rolls for both terms according to a former resolution, keeping it always in view that in the opinion of Congress the public service will be best promoted by inlistments for the war, if the recruiting service is not retarded thereby.

The committee of treasury reported, that there is due ;

To Samuel Lockwood, for his pay as assistant engineer in the army in Canada, from the 5th of November, 1775, to the 18th of May, 1776, at 20 dollars per month, 128.60 dollars ;

And from the 19th of May to the 5th November, at 30 dollars per month, 167 dollars :

the whole 295.60 dollars :

To John Bates for two fire hoods, shovel, tongs, &c. for the use of the treasury office, 16.36 dollars :

*Ordered*, That the said accounts be paid.

The several matters to this day referred being postponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, November 22, 1776.

A letter of the 20th from general Mercer was read :

*Ordered*, That an extract thereof be sent to the assembly and council of safety of Pennsylvania.

Congress being informed that a number of sick soldiers were sent to Philadelphia from the flying camp and lodged in the barracks, and it being apprehended that their continuance in the barracks may endanger the health of the soldiers there,

*Ordered*, That the medical committee take charge of the said sick, and have them quartered in private houses and properly taken care of, and that they immediately attend to this business :

That doctor Ludwic be directed to attend the said sick.

The committee to whom was referred the petition and memorial of Mrs. Zedwitz, brought in a report, which was taken into consideration ; whereupon

*Resolved*, That lieutenant-colonel Zedwitz be removed to Philadelphia and confined in the state prison ; and that due care be taken to prevent him from any intercourse or correspondence with the enemies of these states ;

That the sum of 58.49 dollars be paid to Mrs. Zedwitz, in full for services done for the continent, as set forth in her petition :

That the farther sum of 80 dollars be paid to the said Mrs. Zedwitz, in full for two months pay due to her husband.

*Resolved*, That 100,000 dollars be advanced to the council of safety of Pennsylvania ; that state to be accountable.

Congress



Congress taking into consideration the present state of the army, of which some parts have already disbanded, and others will probably do so when the times they engaged to serve for shall expire, which must soon happen; so that there is great danger that the enemy must be opposed either by unequal numbers, or by militia, not only a more expensive but a less efficacious aid than regular forces; and there being good grounds to hope that vigorous efforts at this critical conjuncture may bring the war to a speedy as well as happy conclusion;

*Resolved*, That blank commissions be sent to general Washington, and that he be empowered to insert therein the names of such officers as he shall think fit, not revoking those appointments which have been made by commissioners from any of the United States: and the general, commissioners and officers are conjured to recruit, by all the means in their power, the regiments now or lately in the camp; and that a committee of three be appointed to repair to head quarters, and consulting with the general, assist in the accomplishment of this necessary business:

The members chosen, Mr. Paca, Mr. Witherpoon, and Mr. Ross.

*Ordered*, That the said committee make particular inquiry why the troops are not paid, and that they inquire into and redress to the utmost of their power the just grievances of the soldiers.

*Resolved*, That the sum of 166,666.60 dollars be advanced to the state of Massachusetts-Bay, in part of their account against the continent; the said state to be accountable.

*Ordered*, That a copy of the resolutions respecting the lottery be delivered to the managers, and that the said managers proceed immediately in carrying the lottery into execution.

Congress took into consideration the report of the committee on the application from the convention of New-York respecting the waste of hides in the army; whereupon

*Resolved*, That the commissaries in each department be directed to employ proper persons to take immediate charge of the hides and tallow in their respective districts; that the former may be tanned into leather, or at least so far cured as to prevent their being spoiled, and the latter rendered into kegs or casks, that there be no waste of those valuable articles, but that they may be stored for the use of the continent and be subject to the orders of Congress; and that the said commissaries be strongly urged to pay due attention to this resolve, it being a matter of considerable importance.

*Resolved*,

*Resolved*, That two months pay be advanced to doctor Ludwig, of the german battalion, he to be accountable.

A state of the inconveniencies to which the troops on the eastern shore of Virginia are particularly subject, was laid before Congress and read;

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the board of war.

A letter of the 16th from J. Trumbull, commissary-general, was read, advising that he had on that day drawn on the president at four days sight, in favour of Mr. Matthew Irwin, for the sum of 20,000 dollars; to purchase pork and flour, and desiring the same may be paid and charged to his (J. Trumbull's) account :

*Resolved*, That the president draw an order on the treasurer for the payment of the said bills, and that the money be accordingly charged to the account of J. Trumbull.

The several matters to this day referred being postponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

SATURDAY, November, 23, 1776.

A letter of the 19th and 21st from general Washington was read.

*Resolved*, That 500,000 dollars be sent to the paymaster general :

That 250,000 dollars be sent to R. Dallam, esq;

*Resolved*, That a committee of five be appointed with full powers to devise and execute measures for effectually reinforcing general Washington, and obstructing the progress of general Howe's army; and they are ordered to proceed immediately on this business.

The members chosen, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Smith, Mr. Chase, Mr. Clymer, and Mr. Stockton.

*Resolved*, That the board of war be directed to order the virginia battalion on the eastern shore, and the two pennsylvania battalions commanded by colonel Mackay and colonel Cooke, to march with all possible expedition; the former to Philadelphia, and the two latter by the nearest route to Brunswick in New-Jersey, or to join general Washington wherever he may be; and that the said board use every means in their power to expedite the march of these troops; and they are ordered to attend immediately to this business.

The better to oppose the progress of the enemy,

*Resolved*, That general Washington be directed to order under his immediate command such of the forces now in the northern department as have been raised in the states of Pennsylvania and New-Jersey, and that the commanding officer in the northern department be directed to apply to the

the legislatures of the eastern states to afford him such assistance as he may stand in need of.

*Resolved*, That general Washington be directed to propose to general Howe an exchange of William Franklin, esq; late governor of New-Jersey, for brigadier general Thompson.

The committee of treasury reported that there is due,

To the committee of northampton county, and to be paid to Jesse Jones, for sundry supplies of provisions, waggons, &c. to the militia on their march to New-Jersey, and for supplies to prisoners and continental troops, 1337.54 dollars:

To John Athbe, for a waggon, horses, and a negro man, his property, lost in the service of the states at New-York, 786.60 dollars:

To John Cox, for eight rifle guns supplied by Edward Snicker, for the use of captain Gabriel Long's company of virginia rifle-men, 146.60 dollars:

To lieutenants Bogart and Ball, two prisoners of the british navy, and to be paid to James Smith, esq; for their allowance from 9th July to 19th November, 1776, inclusive, 19 weeks at 2 dollars a week, 76 dollars:

To brigadier general Armstrong, for his pay and rations from 1st March to 23d November, inst. inclusive, and his travelling expences to and from South-Carolina, 1781.63 dollars:

To doctor David Jameson, for sundry medicines and attendance to sick soldiers of captain Grier's company and captain Nelson's company in the continental service, 290.24 dollars:

To colonel Jeremiah Dugan, for sundry supplies to the army in Canada, for which he has now produced a voucher, the want of which prevented the same being reported the 19th of August last, the sum of 484.73 dollars:

To the board of war, for a draft of R. Dallam, esq; deputy paymaster general, dated New-Brunswick the 21st instant, in favour of colonel Clement Biddle, deputy quartermaster general, 10,000 dollars:

That there should be paid to Richard Bache, esq; postmaster general, as an advance for the use of the post-office, 2666.60 dollars:

*Ordered*, That the said sums be paid.

*Resolved*, That by any thing heretofore done it is not intended to prejudice or strengthen the right or claim of the United States or any of them to any lands in America, nor to determine in what proportion or manner the expences of the war shall be raised or adjusted, except as to the first three millions of dollars emitted by Congress, and a farther emission of three millions of dollars on Dec. 26, 1775.

*Resolved*,

*Resolved*, That 20,000 dollars be advanced to the commissioners appointed by the convention of Maryland to raise their quota of troops; they to be accountable.

The several matters to this day referred being postponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock on Monday.

MONDAY, *November 25, 1776.*

A letter of the 23d from general Washington at Newark was read :

*Ordered*, That it be referred to a committee of the whole Congress, and that general Mifflin, who brought the letter, be desired to attend the said committee.

Congress then resolved itself into a committee of the whole, and after some time the president resumed the chair, and Mr. Nelson reported, that the committee have had under consideration the letter referred to them and have heard general Mifflin on the subject, and thereupon come to sundry resolutions which he was ordered to report, but that not having finished, desired leave to sit again.

The resolutions reported from the committee of the whole being read, were agreed to as follows—

*Resolved*, That the council of safety of Pennsylvania be requested to call forth immediately the associators in the city and liberties of Philadelphia and in the counties of Philadelphia, Chester, Bucks and Northampton, to continue in the service of the United States six weeks from the time they join the army, unless sooner discharged by Congress:

That the volunteers who shall enrol to serve the United States to the 10th of March next, shall nevertheless be discharged as soon as the situation of public affairs will possibly admit; it being the intention of Congress to detain them no longer than the present emergency shall render it absolutely necessary:

That 35,000 dollars be advanced to the council of safety of Pennsylvania, for the public service; the said state to be accountable:

That 4000 dollars be advanced to colonel Haussager, for the use of his battalion; he to be accountable:

That the board of war be directed to order the german battalion to march immediately and join general Washington:

That the said board write to governor Henry of Virginia, and request him to order the light horse in the service of that state to march with all possible expedition to join general Washington:

That the said board order brigadier general Roche de Ferno



Fermoy to repair immediately to general Washington, instead of going to the northward.

*Resolved*, That general Mifflin be directed to stay in the city of Philadelphia until general Washington shall require his attendance at the camp, and that general Washington be informed of this by the president.

*Resolved*, That Congress will to-morrow resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the state of the army.

The several matters to this day referred being postponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, November 26, 1776.

A letter of the 8th from George Morgan at Pittsburg, and one of the 21st from the council of safety of Maryland, were read.

*Resolved*, That 1000 dollars be advanced to Robert Erwin, waggon-master general, for the public service; he to be accountable.

Congress being informed that some persons in the city of Philadelphia, governed by principles inimical to the cause of America, and with views of avarice and extortion, have monopolized and engrossed shoes, stockings and other necessities for the army, whilst the soldiers of the continent, fighting for the liberties of their country, are exposed to the injuries of the weather at this inclement season:

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the Assembly of the state of Pennsylvania to adopt such immediate measures for remedying this evil as their wisdom shall suggest to be adequate to the present purpose, and for preventing like pernicious practices for the future.

The board of war brought in a report which was taken into consideration; whereupon

*Resolved*, That a regiment of artillery to be armed with muskets and bayonets instead of fuses, be raised in the state of Virginia, on continental establishment; the two companies already raised there to be part of the said regiment, which is to be composed of one colonel, one lieutenant-colonel, one major, and ten companies, each to consist of one captain, three lieutenants, one serjeant, four bombardiers, eight gunners, four corporals, and forty-eight matrosses.

*Resolved*, That 1150 dollars be paid to Gerard W. Beckman or order, and charged to the account of Richard Dallam, esq; deputy paymaster-general, the same being in full of a draught of the said R. Dallam on R. Peters, esq; secretary of the board of war, in favour of the said G. W. Beckman, dated New-Brunswick, November 15th, 1776.

Mr.

Mr. F. Lewis, jun. having informed Congress that he cannot consistent with his private engagements, undertake to be a manager of the lottery, and desiring to be excused from that service:

*Resolved*, That he be excused, and that another be elected in his room :

The ballots being taken,

Doctor David Jackson was elected.

*Ordered*, That the committee, who brought in the scheme of the lottery, confer with the managers thereof, in order that they may proceed on that business.

Congress resolved itself into a committee of the whole to take into consideration the state of the army; and after some time the president resumed the chair, and Mr. Nelson reported that the committee have had under consideration the matter to them referred, and have come to sundry resolutions which he was ordered to lay before Congress.

The resolutions reported from the committee of the whole being read, were agreed to as follows,

*Resolved*, That the cannon committee be directed to inquire what quantity of cannon are on board the prize ship that arrived yesterday in the port of Philadelphia; and if they are fit for field artillery to take measures to have them mounted on proper carriages and sent to general Washington :

That the Assembly of the state of Pennsylvania be requested to give immediate direction that the brass field-pieces with the artillery companies, or the field-pieces singly, if there be no such companies, belonging to this state, be with all possible expedition sent to general Washington's army in New-Jersey, and that they be assured, that as soon as the situation of affairs will admit, they shall be returned, or others in lieu of the said field-pieces :

That Mr. Mease, the continental commissary in the city of Philadelphia, be directed to go to the several shops and stores in the said city, and purchase for the use of the army of the United States such articles as are necessary for them at this and the approaching season of the year; and that he be empowered to employ as many persons as he shall judge necessary to assist him in this service :

That the council of safety of Pennsylvania be requested with all possible expedition to cause application to be made to the house-keepers and others in the said state, for as many blankets and woollen stockings as each can spare for the use of the soldiers under the immediate command of general Washington in New-Jersey; and that they be delivered

livered as fast as collected to Mr. J. Mease, the continental commissary :

That it be recommended to the said council of safety to appoint persons to appraise the blankets and woollen stockings so collected as aforesaid, that the value of them may be paid :

That the committee who are sent to the camp be directed to make particular inquiry into the abuses in the medical department in the army, and report thereon to Congress.

The several matters to this day referred being postponed, adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, November 27, 1776.

A memorial from Thomas Denef was read ;

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the board of war.

The board of war brought in a report, which was taken into consideration, whereupon

*Resolved*, That Congress appoint the officers of the artillery battalion agreed to be raised in Virginia.

A petition and memorial from John Serjeant was read ;

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on the letter from Thomas Cushing, esq ; and that the report on that subject by them made be re-committed.

*Resolved*, That the delegates from the four New-England governments be directed to take the most effectual measures to have at least 10,000 pair of shoes and 10,000 pair of stockings purchased in those states and sent to general Washington's head quarters with all possible expedition, for the use of the soldiers under his command.

*Ordered*, That the secret committee take proper and effectual measures to procure a quantity of hard money, not less than 20,000 dollars, to be lodged in the hands of the commander in chief, for the purpose of secret services.

The committee who were appointed, in conjunction with the council of safety of Pennsylvania, to examine Bessonet and his bar-keeper, having reported, that after the most diligent inquiry they find nothing proved against Mr. Bessonet, and that the council of safety and said committee are of opinion he ought to be discharged ;

*Ordered*, That the said committee inform the said council of safety that Congress have no objection to their discharging Mr. Bessonet.

The committee appointed to repair to the northern army having returned made a report, which was read ;

*Ordered*, That the same, together with the papers accompanying it, be referred to a committee of five, and that they sit from day to day and report thereon as soon as possible :

The members chosen, Mr. S. Adams, Mr. Clymer, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Wythe, and Mr. Harrison.

*Resolved*, That 2500 dollars be paid to Mr. Abraham Livingston, and charged to the account of Jonathan Trumbull, jun. esq; deputy paymaster general, the same being in full of his draught in favour of the said A. Livingston, dated Albany, 14th November, 1776.

An appeal having been lodged against the sentence passed in the court of admiralty for the state of Virginia, on the libel "Levin Jones, &c. v. the sloop Vulcan."

*Resolved*, That the hearing and determining the said appeal be referred to Mr. Wythe, Mr. Payne, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Hooper, and Mr. Chase.

*Resolved*, That three members be added to the committee appointed to revise the resolutions relative to captures:

The members chosen, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Hooper, and Mr. Chase.

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the legislatures of the United States respectively, to pass such laws as will most effectually tend to prevent the counterfeiting or forging of the tickets of the public lottery.

A letter from Mr. Ross, Mr. Paca, and Mr. Witherspoon was read, informing that they have appointed an assistant quartermaster and commissary to provide for a number of sick, and take care of stores sent to Princeton.

*Ordered*, That the president inform them that Congress approve of the appointments.

*Ordered*, That the board of war, in conjunction with a member of the council of safety of Pennsylvania, seize the person and papers of Mons. Bonvolour, and having examined him and them, report to Congress.

*Resolved*, That the board of war be directed to detain such companies of the german battalion as have not already marched.

The several matters to this day referred being postponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, November 28, 1776.

*Resolved*, That 300 dollars be advanced to William Whiteley, lieutenant-colonel of colonel Richardson's battalion of the flying camp from Maryland, for the use of some sick soldiers of said battalion in Philadelphia, for which he is to be accountable.

*Resolved*, That William Bradford, second lieutenant in captain Smith's company of colonel Stevenson's battalion, be promoted to the rank of first lieutenant, in the room of the first lieutenant of the said company, resigned.



A plan of an artillery yard being laid before Congress;  
*Ordered*, That it be referred to a committee of three:

The members chosen, Mr. R. H. Lee, Mr. Paine, and Mr. Middleton.

*Resolved*, That 533.20 dollars be advanced to colonel L. Cadwallader for the use of his battalion; he to be accountable:

That a like sum of 522.30 dollars be advanced to lieutenant colonel Penrose, for the use of the men belonging to colonel Magaw's battalion; he to be accountable.

The committee on the affairs of the northern army brought in a report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon

*Resolved*, That a letter be sent to governor Trumbull, desiring him to order twenty cannon, carrying shot of 18 pounds weight, to be cast at Salisbury furnace and transported to Ticonderoga with all possible expedition:

That skillful persons be sent to examine the Salisbury and Mr. Livingston's founderies, and if it be found that a sufficient number of cannon may be cast there, that proper artificers be forthwith employed in that work, an agreement being first made with governor Trumbull and Mr. Livingston for that purpose:

That the commissary-general be directed to procure provisions sufficient for 5000 men, during eight months, to be sent to Albany, and from thence to Fort-Anne, and the like quantity to remain in Albany, and be removed elsewhere as occasion may require; and that the commissary-general be directed to send to Albany a sufficient quantity of salt to cure the said provisions:

That general Schuyler be informed of the cannon ordered from Salisbury to Ticonderoga, and directed to have carriages provided for them:

*Resolved*, That the committee have leave to sit again.

A letter of the 10th from general Schuyler at Saratoga, was read:

*Resolved*, That the commissary-general be empowered to import such quantities of rice from the southern states as he shall think necessary for the use of the army.

The medical committee to whom doctor Shippen's letter was referred brought in a report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon

*Resolved*, That doctor Morgan take care of such sick and wounded of the army of the United States as are on the east side of Hudson's river, and that doctor Shippen take care of such sick and wounded as are on the west side of Hudson's river; and that they both be directed to use the utmost

utmost diligence in superintending the surgeons and mates of the army, so that the sick and wounded may be effectually provided with every thing necessary for their recovery.

*Resolved*, That 100,000 dollars be advanced to the delegates of South Carolina, the said state to be accountable.

The several matters to this day referred being postponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, November 29, 1776.

A letter from S. Purviance, and one from J. Connolly, and a petition from J. Sullivan were read :

*Ordered*, That the petition from J. Sullivan be referred to a committee of three, and that they be directed to inquire minutely into the facts relative to the capitulations entered into by major Sherbourne and major Butterfield in Canada; that they be impowered to send for persons and papers and to examine witnesses on oath, and that they report to Congress :

The members chosen, Mr. Chase, Mr. Harrison, and Mr. Wythe.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Mease supply the sick soldiers in the house of employment in Philadelphia, each with one shirt.

A petition from major John Lamb was read ; whereupon

*Resolved*, That the general be directed to include major Lamb in the next exchange of prisoners.

The committee on the affairs of the northern army brought in a farther report, which was taken into consideration ; whereupon

*Resolved*, That the medical committee be directed to provide sufficient quantities of antiscorbutics for the use of the hospitals in the northern army :

That the hospital at Fort George be continued for the reception of soldiers labouring with contagious diseases, and that there be a general hospital erected on mount Independence :

That a suitable spot of ground for a garden be inclosed in the neighbourhood of the general hospital, to supply the army with vegetables ; and that labourers be hired to cultivate it under the direction of an overseer, to be appointed by the general or commanding officer :

That the general or commanding officer in each of the armies, cause strict inquiry to be made into the conduct of the directors of the hospitals and their surgeons, officers and servants, and of the regimental surgeons, that if there has been any just ground of complaint in those departments, the offenders may be punished : That

That the colonel or commanding officer of every regiment make frequent inquiry into the health of the men under his command, and report the state thereof with any negligence, mal-practice, or other misconduct of the surgeons or others, to the general and to Congress, delivering copies of such reports to all persons therein accused :

That the general or commander in chief of the northern army direct all the batteaus on Lakes Champlain and George to be immediately repaired :

That one hundred batteaus be built at Schenectady, so as to be ready for use in February or March next at farthest, and for this purpose that boards, pitch, oakum, and other necessary materials be collected and artificers employed by the general or commanding officer :

*Resolved*, That the committee have leave to sit again.

The committee of treasury reported that there is due :

To P. E. du Simitiere, for designing, making and drawing a medal for general Washington, 32 dollars :

To John Dunlap, for printing sundry resolves of Congress, commissions, proclamations, &c. 654.66 dollars :

To John Bates, for camp-kettles delivered to Robert Towers, commissary, 80 dollars :

To Joseph Grenvold, for portorage of powder to the magazine, 37.45 dollars :

To James Anderson, for ferriage of virginia troops, waggons, and militia over Susquehanna, 27.18 dollars :

To the estate of captain Spring, for storage of continental powder, 111.38 dollars :

To the following prisoners from Canada, and to be paid to Mr. Ross, the sum of 229.77 dollars, viz. To captain Thompson, expences of himself and baggage from Albany to Trenton, 11.55 dollars, and his allowance from 26th April to 28th November inclusive, 31 weeks at 2 dollars a week, 62 dollars; to Alexander McCulloch, expences of himself and baggage from Albany to Trenton, 10.35 dollars, and his allowance from 26th April to 28th November inclusive, 31 weeks at 2 dollars a week, 62 dollars; and to William Godwin, his expences of family and baggage from Albany to Burlington, 14.27 dollars, and his allowance from 27th March to 27th November inclusive, 35 weeks at 2 dollars, 70 dollars :

To John House, for his account of ferriage of troops, waggons and horses over the river Potomack, 30.30 dollars :

*Ordered*, That the said accounts be paid.

*Resolved*, That the secret committee be directed to provide, as soon as may be, arms and equipage for 3000 horse.

*Resolved*, That a committee of five be appointed to consider

sider and report a proper method for establishing and training cavalry in this continent :

The members chosen, Mr. R. H. Lee, Mr. Paine, Mr. Middleton, Mr. Nelson, and Mr. Floyd.

A petition from Alexander Mercer was read and referred to the board of treasury.

The committee appointed to confer with the managers of the lottery brought in a report, which was taken into consideration ; whereupon

*Resolved*, That the prizes only be drawn :

That the managers be authorised to employ as many clerks to assist in numbering the tickets as may be necessary for expediting the business :

That two presses be employed for printing the tickets :

*Ordered*, That the remainder of the report be recommit-  
ted.

*Resolved*, That to-morrow be assigned for appointing the officers of the regiment of artillery ordered to be raised in Virginia.

The several matters to this day referred being postponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

SATURDAY, November 30, 1776.

A letter of the 27th from general Washington, with a list of the prisoners taken by the enemy during the campaign of 1776 ; and one of the same date from the council of safety of New-York, were read ;

*Ordered*, That the same be referred to the board of war, and that they confer with colonel Miles who is come from New-York on his parole, to expedite the exchange of prisoners.

*Resolved*, That 1000 dollars be advanced to Robert Erwin, waggon-master general, for the public service ; he to be accountable.

*Resolved*, That the council of safety of Pennsylvania be requested to have eight carriages for field pieces got ready with all possible expedition, at the expence of the continent, to be delivered as fast as made to the order of the board of war.

The commissioners for indian affairs in the middle department having transmitted to Congress the minutes of their proceedings,

*Ordered*, That the same be referred to the standing committee for indian affairs.

The committee appointed to confer with the managers of the lottery brought in a farther report, which was taken into consideration ; whereupon

*Resolved*,



*Resolved*, That the gratuity to the managers of the lottery for their trouble in the conduct of that business be left to the future judgment of Congress :

That the managers be authorized to appoint agents for the sale of the tickets in the several states, and offer them one tenth per cent. on the tickets or billets by each respectively sold :

That the public be at the risque of conveying the tickets or billets to the agents in the different states :

That the agents pay the money received by them for the sale of tickets or billets to the commissioners of the loan-office of the state where they are sold, taking receipts therefor, and transmit them to the managers of the lottery at Philadelphia.

*Resolved*, That the state of New-York be impowered to raise another battalion on the continental establishment :

That the convention or council of safety of New-York be impowered to appoint an aid major to each of the battalions raised by that state, the pay or expence of which to be borne by that state.

Agreeable to the order of the day Congress proceeded to the election of officers for the artillery battalion ordered to be raised in Virginia, and the ballots being taken, the following were elected—

Charles Harrison, esq; Colonel;—Edward Carrington, esq; Lieutenant Colonel;—Christiern Holmer, Major.

Samuel Denny, William Pierce, Nathaniel Burwell, Bulter Clairborne, Joseph Scott, William Murray, Spotswood Dandridge, Matthew Smith, Sir John Pettus, and William Waters, captains.

*Resolved*, That the governor and council of Virginia be requested to recommend proper persons for subaltern officers.

*Resolved*, That the board of war be directed to purchase for the public service six waggons with four horses and proper harness to each waggon, and to employ suitable drivers.

An address from Nicholas Biddle, John Barry, Thomas Read, Charles Alexander, and John Nicholson, was laid before Congress and read :

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the marine committee, who are directed to pursue such measures as they shall think proper in consequence thereof.

The Assembly of Pennsylvania having by Mr. Morris informed Congress that they have appointed a committee of their body to confer with a committee of Congress on the requisition of Congress to call forth immediately the associators of the city and liberties of Philadelphia and of the counties of Philadelphia, Bucks, Chester and Northampton ;

*Ordered*,

*Ordered*, That the board of war confer with the committee of the Assembly of Pennsylvania on this subject, and agree on such measures as shall be deemed most for the public service.

The committee of treasury reported that there is due,

To Styner and Cist, for paper and printing minutes of Congress, &c. and trouble and expences in attending the making the paper for the loan office notes, 130.15 dollars :

To lieutenant Peacock, a prisoner, of the 7th regiment, for his allowance from 20th December, 1775, to 28th November, 1776, 48 weeks at 2 dollars, 96 dollars :

To doctor William Currie, for his bill of medicines and provisions to sick soldiers of colonel Scott's and colonel Lawson's virginia regiments : 67.37 dollars :

That there should be advanced to major John Lamb, for the payment of the men of his artillery company, 2000 dollars; he to be accountable :

*Ordered*, That the said accounts be paid.

*Resolved*, That the committee of intelligence be directed and empowered to establish expresses to go daily to and from head quarters.

*Resolved*, That when any resolutions are passed which respect the United States or any of them, or the armies of the said states, they be sent by express if the regular post is interrupted or not ready, provided the president shall judge it necessary.

A petition from John Noble Taylor was read ;

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the board of war.

The several matters to this day referred being postponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock on Monday.

SUNDAY, December 1, 1776.

Congress on a summons met this day, when two letters of the 30th from general Washington at Brunswick were read ; whereupon

*Resolved*, That the board of war be directed to order the german battalion to march immediately to join general Washington, and that the said board use every measure in their power to expedite their march with all possible dispatch :

*Resolved*, That the council of safety of Pennsylvania be requested to take effectual measures for supplying guards for the public stores, &c. in the room of the german battalion :

That the secret committee be directed to appoint one or more trusty persons to proceed immediately to the eastern states, and see that the cloathing and stores which have been

been ordered to be purchased for the army be collected and forwarded to the army with all possible dispatch; and that the said person or persons have power to purchase or cause to be purchased such necessary cloathing as can be procured in those states, and to have it forwarded to the army:

That general Washington be informed he has the full approbation of Congress to order the troops on the east side of Hudson's river over to the west side of that river whenever he shall think it conducive to the public service so to do:

That general Washington be directed to order the cloaths which have been or shall be sent to head quarters, or to any of the camps, to be distributed first among such of the soldiers as stand most in need of them:

That Mr. J. Mease be directed to purchase all the hats and caps he can procure proper for soldiers, and to employ as great a number of taylor's as possible in making up cloaths for soldiers; and forward those articles from time to time as fast as ready to general Washington:

That the medical committee be directed to take such steps as they shall judge proper for the accommodation of the sick of the army.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

MONDAY, December 2, 1776.

*Resolved*, That 800 dollars be advanced to colonel L. Cadwallader, for the use of the men belonging to his battalion; he to be accountable:

That 800 dollars be advanced to captain Doyle, for the use of his independent company; he to be accountable:

That 500 dollars be advanced to Robert Jewell, for which he is to be accountable:

That 5333.30 dollars be advanced to the commissioners for indian affairs in the middle department.

A letter of the 1st from general Washington was read;

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the board of war, and that they communicate the contents to the council of safety of Pennsylvania, and take such measures in consequence thereof as they shall judge proper.

Captain Montgomery having offered his service, with that of his crew, as an artillery company,

*Resolved*, That they be taken into the service of the continent for two months, unless sooner discharged.

*Resolved*, That he the said James Montgomery be appointed captain, that Samuel Carson be appointed captain-lieutenant, and John Douglass lieutenant, of said company:

That Mr. J. Mease be directed to advance one month's

pay to captain Montgomery's men upon their inlisting, and that a like advance be made to the other companies of artillery :

That the marine committee be impowered to advance 20 dollars to each seaman who will enter to serve on board the Randolph, captain Biddle, the same to be deducted out of their share of the prize money.

*Resolved*, That the board of war be directed to purchase immediately ten or twelve covered waggons for the artillery :

That the board of war give orders for removing by water to christiana bridge, the 2000 barrels of beef now under the care of commissary Wharton.

*Resolved*, That the council of safety of Pennsylvania be requested to send expresses immediately to the counties that have been desired to send forth their associators, urging them forthwith to march, in order to oppose the hasty advances of the enemy.

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the governor and council of Virginia to take the most effectual measures for purchasing and collecting for continental use, all the copper and other materials fit for casting brass field artillery that can be got in that state, and that Congress will defray the cost and expence of the same.

*Resolved*, That 100 dollars be advanced to the delegates of Virginia, for the use of the deputy paymaster general in that state.

A letter of the 1st from general Washington was read.

Mr. Read, a delegate from Delaware state, attended and produced the credentials of the appointment of delegates from that state, which were read as follows :

" In Council, November 8, 1776. Whereas George Read, John Dickinson, and John Evans, esquires, have been chosen by joint ballot of both houses of Assembly to represent the Delaware state in the Continental Congress : *Resolved*, that they, or any one or more of them, are hereby fully authorised and impowered, for and in behalf of this state, to concert, agree to and execute every measure which they or he, together with a majority of the Continental Congress, shall judge necessary for the defence, security, interest and welfare of this state in particular, and of America in general ; with power to adjourn to such times and places as shall appear most conducive to the public safety and advantage. Sent for concurrence.

" In Assembly, November 9, 1776. Read and concurred in,  
John M'Kinly, Speaker.

" A true copy. Slaton Clay, clerk of the council."

*Resolved*,



*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the council of safety of Pennsylvania to send immediately one of their gallies along the Jersey shore between this and Trenton, to bring over all the river craft, vessels and boats from the jersey to the pennsylvania side of Delaware, in order to prevent their becoming serviceable to the enemy in their attempts to cross the said river :

That it be earnestly recommended to the council of safety of Pennsylvania, to order the battalions of this city immediately to march and join general Washington :

That the said council of safety be requested to furnish the waggon-master general with one thousand waggons for the use of the army ; and as in the present emergency of public affairs, such a supply of waggons is absolutely necessary, that it be recommended to the said council of safety to impress the waggons, if they cannot be otherwise speedily procured.

Adjourned to 6 o'clock.

*Eodem Die, P. M.*

*Resolved*, That Mr. J. Mease be directed to receive from Mr. Hyman Levy the goods in his hands purchased for the state of New-York, paying him the ballance due for the said goods; and that Mr. J. Mease be directed to send the said goods, together with those he has now ready, to general Washington, taking especial care that they be sent in so safe and secure a manner as to avoid any danger of falling into the hands of the enemy.

The several matters to this day referred being postponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, December 3, 1776.

A letter of the 2d from general Washington; one of the same date from adjutant general Reed, and one from J. Mease, were read.

*Resolved*, That 50,000 dollars be advanced to Mr. J. Mease, for the public service; he to be accountable :

That 2000 dollars be advanced to lieutenant colonel Antil, for the purpose of recruiting his regiment; he to be accountable :

That 14,000 dollars be advanced to major Charles Symmes, for the use of the 12th virginia battalion; he to be accountable.

Mr. Clarke, a delegate from the state of New-Jersey, attended and produced the credentials of the appointment of delegates from that state, which were read as follows :

“ At

" At a joint meeting of the council and assembly of the state of New-Jersey, held at Burlington, on the 30th day of November, 1776, the honourable Nathaniel Scudder in the chair, the joint meeting proceeded by ballot to the election of five delegates to represent this state in Congress, to serve for one year, unless a new appointment shall be made before the expiration of that time; and the following persons were duly elected, viz. The honourable Richard Stockton, Jonathan Dickinson Serjeant, esq; doctor John Witherspoon, Abraham Clark, esq; Jonathan Elmer, esq;

" *Resolved*, That any one or more of the said delegates, who shall attend in Congress, be fully impowered to represent and vote in behalf of this state. That the said delegates or such of them as have not already taken the oaths of abjuration and allegiance mentioned in the act of assembly lately passed, intituled "an act for the security of the government of New-Jersey," do take the said oaths before they take their seats.

" Signed by order of the council and assembly of the state of New-Jersey. " Charles Pettit, Secretary."

*Resolved*, That the board of war be directed to have the prisoners now at Bristol removed from thence back into the country.

*Resolved*, That Mrs. Chamier be permitted to go to her husband at New-York; and that Mrs. Lewis at Flushing on Long-Island be required in exchange.

*Resolved*, That Mr. Mease be impowered and directed to settle with and pay the militia of the maryland flying-camp:

That the commissary of provisions in Philadelphia supply with rations, in lieu of mileage, such of the maryland troops as chuse to go home:

That such of the non-commissioned officers and soldiers of the said troops as will enlist for three years be immediately cloathed; and that Mr. Mease be directed to detain as many of the cloaths now in his hands as will be necessary for that purpose:

That each of the non-commissioned officers and soldiers of the maryland militia who will not enlist for three years, but will engage to march to the immediate reinforcement of general Washington, and remain under his command one month, be supplied by Mr. Mease with a shirt, a pair of shoes, and a pair of stockings, on paying for the same:

That such of the militia as shall engage to serve to the 10th of March next, unless sooner discharged by Congress, be intituled to a pair of shoes and stockings, and to the same

same rations and the same monthly pay with the other troops on the continental establishment, to commence from the time of their enrollment; and that one months pay be advanced to each volunteer, upon his inrollment.

*Resolved*, That to-morrow be assigned for giving the Indians in town an audience; and that the committee on indian affairs be directed to prepare a proper speech to be delivered to them.

*Resolved*, That the officers of the maryland troops be requested immediately to parade those troops, and to use their utmost influence to persuade their adoption of the terms proposed by Congress.

*Resolved*, That general Washington be directed, in case he has not entered into a negotiation with general Howe, for exchanging governor Franklin for general Thomson, to suspend the execution of that matter till farther orders.

A petition from William Dod was read, praying for leave to visit his brother who is confined in prison:

*Resolved*, That the petitioner have leave to visit and converse with his brother in the presence of the goaler.

*Resolved*, That Thursday next be assigned for taking into consideration the state of the treasury.

The several matters to this day referred being postponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

### WEDNESDAY, December 4, 1776.

A letter of the 3d from general Washington was read:

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the council of safety of Pennsylvania to detain from marching with the militia the printers engaged in printing certificates for the continental loan-offices, and to direct them to continue executing the business in which they are employed.

The committee of treasury reported, that they have had under consideration the accounts of John Harvie, John Montgomery, and Jasper Yates, esquires, commissioners for indian affairs in the middle department; that the said commissioners have produced accounts of the expenditure of 13464.7 dollars for the charges and expences of the late treaty held with the Indians at Pittsburg, and for their allowance for their time and expences attending the said treaty: that in this account are included the expence of goods purchased by Mr. Morgan for private presents; for expences and pay to Mr. Wilson, Mr. Long, and Mr. Girty on different messages; for kettles rations and linen supplied the continental battalion at Kittanning; for expences of Mr. Morgan coming to Philadelphia, going to New-York with two indian chiefs, and returning with them to Pittsburg;



burg; his going to the indian towns to invite them to a treaty; for sundry sums paid to the militia officers, and for the several accounts due from the department to this time, except the militia accounts yet unsettled, and the salaries due to Mr. Morgan and the former agent; and also 800.2 dollars due to sundry persons before their appointment, whose accounts were settled by a committee of Congress for indian affairs. The ballance due to George Morgan, esquire, is 207.74 dollars, first deducting 400 dollars paid him by Congress 21st September last, for which he is debited:

That they credit the sums of 3000 dollars received of Congress in August, and 5333.30 dollars the 2d instant, also 5.30 dollars for the freight of astill to Redstone, and two sums amounting to 67.45 dollars, which are twice charged in the accounts:

That the ballance due to the commissioners is 5057.82 dollars:

*Ordered*, That the said sum be paid.

The several matters to this day referred being postponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, December 5, 1776.

A letter of the 4th from general Washington, inclosing a copy of a letter from major Clark, was read.

*Resolved*, That Mr. J. Mease be directed to pay to each captain of the maryland troops of the flying camp who cannot produce pay-rolls, such a sum as they think will be equal to the arrears due to their respective companies; taking a receipt from the respective captains for the money advanced.

*Resolved*, That two months pay be advanced to Monsieur Romand de Lisse, and to Monsieur Kosciuszko.

The Indians being introduced, delivered a speech; and Saturday next was appointed to return them an answer.

*Resolved*, That it be earnestly recommended to the council of safety of Pennsylvania to procure the use of the pennsylvania hospital for the purpose of accommodating the sick belonging to the continental army.

*Resolved*, That the medical committee be empowered to procure suitable persons to take care of the sick, and to remove them to such convenient places in the country as they shall think proper.

Some inhabitants of New-Jersey being sent under guard to Philadelphia, charged with the crime of inlisting men for general Howe, and some of inlisting themselves in the service of the enemy;

*Resolved*,



*Resolved*, That they be sent under guard to Frederick in Maryland; there to be safely confined, and that until they can be sent away, they be kept confined in the state prison in Philadelphia.

*Resolved*, That captain Ottendorf be directed to raise an independent corps, consisting of 150 men, serjeants and corporals included :

That the same be divided into three companies ; the first company to consist of 60 men, light infantry, commanded by one captain and two lieutenants; the other two companies of hunters, of 45 men each, to be commanded each by a captain and two lieutenants :

That captain Ottendorf have the rank of major, be captain of the light infantry company, and command the whole.

That an adjutant be appointed for this corps, who is to act as quartermaster and paymaster, with the rank of lieutenant, and pay of other adjutants.

*Ordered*; That the board of war write to the general, and desire him to send Isaac Corren of the artillery; to Philadelphia.

*Resolved*, That 150 dollars be advanced to Gunning Bedford, muster-master general, he to be accountable.

*Resolved*, That the time for drawing the lottery be altered to the 10th of April.

*Resolved*, That Congress will to-morrow, previous to any other business, resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the state of the treasury, the ways and means of raising supplies for the ensuing year, and supporting the credit of the continental currency.

The several matters to this day referred being postponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

#### FRIDAY, December 6, 1776.

A letter of the 5th from general Washington, and one of the 27th of November from General Gates at Albany, with a paper inclosed, sent from the commanding officer at St. John's, were read :

Agreeable to the order of the day Congress resolved itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the state of the treasury, the ways and means of raising supplies for the ensuing year, and supporting the credit of the continental currency; and after some time the president resumed the chair, and Mr. Nelson reported that the committee have had under consideration the matters to them referred, and have come to sundry resolutions thereon; but not having perfected the business, desired him to move for leave to sit again.

*Resolved*,

*Resolved*, That Congress will to-morrow resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the state of the treasury, the ways and means of raising supplies for the ensuing year, and supporting the credit of the continental currency.

*Resolved*, That 50,000 dollars be advanced to Mr. J. Mease, for the public service, he to be accountable.

Upon representation made by Daniel and Samuel Hughes that Melchor Salady, a private soldier in captain Farmer's company of colonel Miles's battalion, would be very serviceable to them in executing their contract for making cannon for Congress:

*Resolved*, That Melchor Salady be discharged by the proper officer from the company, provided he enter into the service of the said Hughes.

The several matters to this day referred being postponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

SATURDAY; December, 7, 1776.

A letter of the 6th from general Washington at Trenton, and one of the 21st to 25th November from general Schuyler at Saratoga, with sundry papers inclosed, were read;

*Ordered*, That they be referred to the board of war.

*Resolved*, That the board of war be impowered and directed to exchange such of the Canadians as they shall think proper.

*Ordered*, That the president write to the four New-England governments, and request them to use their utmost influence in raising their respective quotas of troops, and to hasten their march with all possible diligence to the places appointed for their rendezvous by general Schuyler.

*Resolved*, That 100,000 dollars be advanced to the council of safety of Pennsylvania, to be applied towards furnishing the several officers with bounty money for enlisting men on the new establishment; the said council to be accountable.

*Resolved*, That captain Biddle be impowered to insist into the continental service, such of the sailors in prison as he shall think proper.

The committee of treasury reported, that there is due, and to be paid to the order of Allen M'Donald, senior, Allen M'Donald, junior, Alexander M'Donald, Rennel M'Donald, and Archibald M'Donald, hostages sent by general Schuyler to Reading, for the allowance due to themselves and their three-servants, from the 25th of September to the 10th of December inclusive, 143 dollars:

That there should be advanced to Thomas Smith, for supplies

supplies to the troops of the 5th and 6th virginia regiments, left sick at Wilmington, the sum of 677.25 dollars:

That there is due to lieutenant colonel Jacob Boyer, for furnishing his battalion of militia with 7495 rations of provisions, on their march from Berks county to the camp in New-Jersey, 739.45 dollars:

To Thomas Edwards. for victualling the second battalion of militia of Lancaster county, commanded by colonel Curtis Grubb, on their march to Bergen in New-Jersey, and for the hire of two baggage waggons, 1319.61 dollars, to be paid to Philip Marstetter.

*Ordered*, That the said accounts be paid.

*Resolved*, That 1000 dollars be advanced to the committee for procuring cannon for the public service, the said committee to account for the expenditure.

*Resolved*, That for the more speedy and effectual discharge of business, the following rules be invariably observed;

That Congress be opened every morning at 10 o'clock; Sundays excepted:

That Mr. President take the chair precisely at that time.

Agreeable to the order of the day, the Indians were introduced, and the following speech was delivered to them:

Brothers of the six nations, Delawares and Shawanese. We the delegates of the thirteen United States of America, are extremely pleased to see you. We take you by the hand, and bid you welcome to our great council fire.

Brothers. You say that God Almighty has been pleased to bring us together. You say well. He superintends and governs men and their actions. He now sees us. He judges of the sincerity of our hearts, and will punish those who deceive.

Brothers, Sachems and Warriors. You have heard what our commissioners have said to you at Plattsburg, by our directions. You have listened to their arguments, and your own reason will suggest, that the conduct they have recommended to you must be productive of your happiness and welfare. We think that you must be fully convinced that your safety, as nations, depends on preserving peace and friendship with the white people of this island.

We are sorry to hear of the death of your great men, and are well pleased that our commissioners have wiped the tears from your eyes, and covered the graves of our departed friends.

Our hearts are good towards all the Indians in the woods who have friendly disposition toward us.

We love peace, and wish that the chain of friendship between



tween us and you may contract no rust. On our part we will do every thing to keep it bright and strong.

But should we be attacked by any tribe of Indians in the woods, we hope to convince them that we can repel their attempts with ease. Friendship however with you is what we earnestly desire, our commissioners have told you so, and they have not deceived you.

We now inform you, that we wish to sit down with you under the same tree of peace; to water its roots and cherish its growth, so that it may shelter us and you, and our and your children.

Brothers. We have prepared some presents for you, which our commissioners will deliver before your departure.

The Indians, having returned thanks for the speech delivered, informed Congress that they had something to say on Monday next, and withdrew.

*Resolved*, That the council of safety of Pennsylvania be desired to suspend the farther execution of the request made to them the 2d instant to procure one thousand waggons:

That the waggons procured in consequence of the said request be sent to the quartermaster general.

*Resolved*, That Mr. Mease be directed to return to Mr. Levy the goods he had from him, and receive back the money advanced on that account, the said goods being sent for by the state of New-York, on whose account and by whose order they were purchased.

The committee of treasury reported that there is due, To brigadier general Thompson, for his pay for the months of October and November, 250 dollars:

To lieutenant Ross Currie, of the second battalion of pennsylvania regular forces, for the ballance of his pay from March to November inclusive, 90 dollars:

To Samuel M'Kinzie, surgeon to the second battalion of pennsylvania regular forces, for four months pay at 33 dollars a month, 132 dollars:

*Ordered*, That the said accounnts be paid.

The several matters to this day referred being postponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock on Monday.

MONDAY, December 9, 1776.

A letter of the 8th from general Washington; one of the 22d November from general Ward, inclosing one of the 9th of the same month from general Gates; one of the 18th of the same month from G. Morgan at Pittsburg, and a petition and remonstrance from the captains and subalterns of



of colonel Mackay's battalion; a letter of the 17th November from lieutenant colonel Wilson of the said battalion; and a letter of the 22d November from John Avery at Boston; were read;

Also a letter of the 25th November from colonel M. Hazen was read, and referred to the committee on the northern army.

*Resolved*, That another member be added to the said committee:

The member chosen, Mr. R. H. Lee.

*Resolved*, That the sum of 117.11 dollars be paid to colonel Hauffeger, in full of his account for boards, &c. bought for the public service, and for his expences.

*Resolved*, That 1000 dollars be advanced to major Ottendorf, for the purpose of recruiting his companies; he to be accountable.

*Resolved*, That Houelman Arnold be appointed a lieutenant of the company commanded by major Ottendorf:

That 2000 dollars be advanced to the delegates of New-Jersey for the public service; they to be accountable:

That 50,000 dollars be advanced to Mr. J. Mease for the public service; he to be accountable.

*Resolved*, That Mr. Risberg, the assistant quartermaster in Philadelphia, be directed to send by water to christiana bridge the military stores sent from the army, and that they be safely lodged there till farther orders.

*Resolved*, That 5000 dollars be advanced to Mr. Carpenter Wharton for public service; he to be accountable.

*Resolved*, That the council of safety of Pennsylvania be requested to give the continental officers and all others employed in removing the public stores from Philadelphia, whether by land or water, all the assistance in their power.

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to prepare an address to the inhabitants of America, and a recommendation to the several states to appoint a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer:

The members chosen, Mr. Witherspoon, Mr. R. H. Lee, and Mr. Adams.

*Resolved*, That Mr. J. Mease be impowered and directed to settle and pay the arrears due to colonel Hay's battalion of the flying camp.

*Resolved*, That Thomas De Naif be appointed a lieutenant of artillery under Mons. Romand de Lisle.

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to inquire into the state of the prisoners sent from New-Jersey.

The members chosen, Mr. Witherspoon, Mr. Clarke, and Mr. F. L. Lee.

Whereas

Whereas in consequence of many complaints that engrossers had distressed the public by raising salt to an exorbitant price, the council of safety of Pennsylvania, with the approbation of Congress, took the management of the affair into their hands, and have endeavoured by as just and equal a distribution as possible of the salt imported from time to time to supply the different parts of the country; yet it is found upon trial, either from the artful conduct of interested persons not discovered, or from the impossibility of the thing itself, that the remedy has been ineffectual, and on the contrary, salt continues scarcer and dearer in this port than when no regulations have been tried: therefore

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the council of safety of Pennsylvania to take off all restraint upon the sale of salt; and give public notice that it shall be lawful for any person to import and sell it, in such manner and at such price as shall suit voluntary purchasers.

*Resolved*, That 200 dollars be advanced to Mr. Govett, assistant to the auditor general; he to be accountable.

*Resolved*, That in case this Congress shall be under the necessity of removing from Philadelphia, it shall be adjourned to Baltimore.

Whereas general Washington hath repeatedly applied, and hath yesterday renewed his application, for an immediate reinforcement for the defence of Philadelphia and the state of Pennsylvania;

*Resolved*, That the council of safety of Pennsylvania be requested this day to send expresses, that can be relied on, to the several counties, earnestly requesting that they march what troops they can collect, armed and provided in the best manner possible, to the army under the command of general Washington.

*Resolved*, That Mr. J. Mease be directed to furnish captain Henderson's company, of the 11th pennsylvania battalion, with blankets and stockings.

*Resolved*, That expresses be immediately sent to the committees of the counties of Cæcil, Baltimore, Hartford and Frederick in Maryland, requesting that they apply without delay to the militia of their respective counties, and send forward immediately for the defence of the city of Philadelphia, and the reinforcement of general Washington's army, as many troops as possible, informing the said committees that some assistance in the way of arms may be furnished here, to such as have no arms to bring with them:

That an express be sent to the council of safety of Delaware, requesting them to send forward immediately for the

the purpose aforesaid, as many troops as possible, giving them the like information with respect to arms.

*Resolved*, That the board of war be directed to take care of the arms belonging to the continent, and have them properly secured.

*Resolved*, That William Chambers be appointed captain, Alexander Wilson, first lieutenant, and Adam Hoops, second lieutenant in the 2d battalion of the regiment commanded by colonel M. Hazen

The several matters to this day referred being postponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, December 10, 1776.

A letter of the 8th from general Lee at Morris-town, one of the 9th from general Washington, with a letter of the 6th from general Heath, were read.

*Resolved*, That the prisoners sent from the state of New-Jersey by general Washington, and ordered to Fredericktown in Maryland, be conveyed there by captain Mountjoy Bailly, with a guard of 18 soldiers:

That the said guard be furnished with arms, cartridges, knapsacks and blankets:

That 1000 dollars be advanced to the committee of the middle district of Frederick county, to defray the charges of conveying the prisoners there, and the expence of furnishing rations to the prisoners and the guard, the said committee to be accountable.

*Resolved*, That general Mifflin be directed to repair immediately to the neighbouring counties, and by all the means in his power rouse and bring them in, to the defence of Philadelphia.

As the Congress deem it of great importance to the general good and safety, that general Mifflin should make a progress through the several counties of the state of Pennsylvania, to rouse the freemen thereof to the immediate defence of this city and country;

*Resolved*, That the assembly be requested to appoint a committee of their body to make the said tour with general Mifflin, in order to assist him in this good and necessary work.

*Resolved*, That the president return to Congress the 25000 dollars received for the use of the marine committee.

*Resolved*, That major general Putnam be directed to have the several recruits and other continental troops in Philadelphia immediately paraded, and that he proceed without delay to make the proper defences for the protection and security of this city:

That



That the council of safety of Pennsylvania be requested to give major general Putnam all the assistance in their power for the execution of the above necessary business, by calling forth the inhabitants, and by any other means in their judgment proper.

*Resolved*, That 2000 dollars be advanced to the delegates of Georgia, for the use of that state, which is to be accountable.

*Resolved*, That 135.30 dollars be paid to Robert Patton, for his services as messenger, from the 15th of May to the 4th of December, instant.

The committee appointed to prepare an address to the inhabitants of America, brought in a draught, which was read, and being debated by paragraphs was agreed to :

*Ordered*, That the said committee have it published and dispersed.

The committee of treasury reported that there should be advanced to Mrs. Stevenson, the sum of 200 dollars, on account of her husband James Stevenson, one of the commissioners of accounts; he to be accountable :

That there is due to John Montgomery and Jasper Yates, commissioners of indian affairs in the middle department, for their account of debts due to sundry persons on the visit of the indian chiefs from Pittsburg to Congress, 1178.24 dollars :

To the reverend Mr. Fowler, indian missionary, being a balance due to him for his services at the treaty with the Indians at Pittsburg, 36 dollars :

To John Gibson, esquire, for eight months house-rent for the treasury office, as auditor general to the 9th instant, wood for the use of the office, &c. &c. the sum of 369.61 dollars :

To St. Luke la Corne, captain Frazier, and major Campbell, for the allowance for themselves and three servants from 24th September to 3d December, 90 dollars; the same to be paid to colonel Donald Campbell :

*Ordered*, That the said accounts be paid.

*Resolved*, That the president write to general Washington, and desire him to send a party to watch the roads leading from New-Jersey to Philadelphia above Trenton, and give Congress the earliest notice of the enemy's motions.

*Resolved*, That 2000 dollars be advanced to lieutenant colonel Antill, for the purpose of recruiting the battalion commanded by colonel M. Hazen; he to be accountable.

*Resolved*, That two of the continental battalions now raising in Connecticut be stationed for the defence of the said state, in such parts thereof as governor Trumbull shall judge



judge most conducive to that purpose, till Congress shall order otherwise.

*Resolved*, That the treasurer, upon the order of the government of Connecticut, pay out of the first monies which shall be received into the loan-office in that state, 40,000 dollars; the said state to be accountable for the expenditure thereof.

*Resolved*, That Antoine Seelim be appointed a captain of a rifle company in the corps commanded by major Ottendorf.

The several matters to this day referred being postponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, December 11, 1776.

The committee appointed to prepare a resolution for appointing a day of fasting and humiliation, brought in a report, which was read and agreed to, as follows;—

Whereas the war in which the United States are engaged with Great-Britain, has not only been prolonged, but is likely to be carried to the greatest extremity; and whereas it becomes all public bodies, as well as private persons, to reverence the providence of God, and look up to him as the supreme disposer of all events, and the arbiter of the fate of nations; therefore

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to all the United States as soon as possible to appoint a day of solemn fasting and humiliation; to implore of Almighty God the forgiveness of the many sins prevailing among all ranks, and to beg the countenance and assistance of his providence in the prosecution of the present just and necessary war.

The Congress do also in the most earnest manner recommend to all the members of the United States, and particularly the officers civil and military under them, the exercise of repentance and reformation; and further, require of them the strict observation of the articles of war, and particularly that part of the said articles which forbids profane swearing and all immorality, of which all such officers are desired to take notice.

It is left to each state to issue out proclamations fixing the day that appears most proper within its bounds.

*Ordered*, That the above be published by the committee who brought in the report.

A letter of the 10th from general Washington at the falls of Delaware, was read.

The committee appointed to examine the prisoners sent from New-Jersey reported, that they have performed that service, and find some considerable distinction between them; whereupon

*Resolved*,

*Resolved*, That the said committee be impowered to discharge from jail such of the said prisoners as do not appear to have been engaged in measures against the United States of America; the said prisoners first signing a declaration, that they will not hereafter engage in such measures, nor give the enemies of America aid, information, council, or assistance in any way or manner whatsoever; and that such as the said committee judge proper give security not to depart the city of Philadelphia without leave of Congress.

*Resolved*, That general Putnam be directed to order parties of active, spirited men, with proper guides, to cross from Philadelphia to New-Jersey; and under the conduct of good officers, to act as harrassing parties, and get the best intelligence of the motions and situation of the enemy, directing them to send frequent daily intelligence through him to Congress of the discoveries they shall be able to make of the enemy's movements and situation.

The several matters to this day referred being postponed; adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

W E D N E S D A Y, December 12, 1776.

A letter of the 11th from general Washington was read;  
*Ordered*, That it be referred to the board of war.

*Resolved*, That 20,000 dollars be advanced to Gustavus Risberg, and charged to the account of R. Dallam, esquire:

That 50 000 dollars be advanced to the council of safety of Pennsylvania for the public service; the said council to be accountable:

That 5000 dollars be advanced to doctor Nicholas Way of Wilmington, for the public service; he to be accountable:

*Resolved*, That the two companies raised in the town of Westmoreland be ordered to join general Washington with all possible expedition.

*Resolved*, That the continental apothecary be directed immediately to pack up all the continental medicines, and send them to the quartermaster general:

That the quartermaster general be directed to remove all the medicines belonging to the continent in Philadelphia to a place of security:

That the frigate Randolph be put under the direction of the continental general commanding in Philadelphia, to act as he shall direct for the defence of this city, and preventing the enemy from passing the Delaware.

*Resolved*, That 52.30 dollars be advanced to Mr. Sproat, clerk at the war-office, for his service; he to be accountable.

Mr. Walton, a delegate from Georgia, attended and pronounced a letter from the secretary of the convention of that

that state, informing him of his appointment, with others, to represent that state for the ensuing year:

*Resolved*, That he be admitted to a seat.

*Resolved*, That Elisha Sheldon be appointed lieutenant colonel commandant of a regiment of cavalry on the continental establishment, with the rank and pay of a colonel of foot; and that general Washington be authorised to appoint the other officers to the said regiment; and that the colonel with his officers proceed without delay to raise and discipline the said regiment; and that they repair to and join the army under the command of general Washington by companies, as soon as each company shall be compleat:

That general Washington be empowered to advance to colonel Sheldon such sums of money as may be necessary for the service.

*Resolved*, That the marine committee be directed to employ one or more fast-sailing vessels to proceed immediately on a cruize off the capes of Delaware, and give notice to all ships and vessels inward bound of the state of this port, in order that they may proceed to some other place or places of more safety.

*Resolved*, That general Putnam be directed to send doctor John Conolly under guard to Baltimore in Maryland, there to be confined.

*Resolved*, That the continental general commanding in Philadelphia be directed to defend the same to the utmost extremity against the attempts of the enemy to get possession of it; and that for this end he apply from time to time to the council of safety of Pennsylvania for their aid and assistance.

*Resolved*, That Mr. R. Morris be empowered to borrow a sum not exceeding 10,000 dollars for the use of the marine committee; and Congress will indemnify him.

*Resolved*, That Timothy Dod be released from confinement.

*Resolved*, That the arms, ammunition and cloathing in or near the city of Philadelphia be put under the direction of general Putnam; and that Mr. James Mease, Mr. R. Towers, and all other persons having continental stores in care, make immediate return of the same to general Putnam of the quantities and kinds of each, and where the same are placed, that the general may take order therein, either for safety or use, as he shall judge proper.

*Resolved*, That general Putnam be authorised to employ all the private armed vessels in this harbour for the defence and security of the city; and that he take the most effectual measures for manning them and putting them in fit condition for the above purpose.



Major general Putnam and brigadier general Miffin being called to a conference, and having by strong arguments urged the necessity of the Congress retiring,

It was thereupon *Ordered*, That Mr. Wilson inform the assembly and council of Pennsylvania of the proposed adjournment of Congress, and the place to which they have resolved to adjourn; and acquaint them that Congress will at all times, on their application, be ready to comply with their requisitions for the security of this city and state against the common enemy.

Whereas the movements of the enemy have now rendered the neighbourhood of this city the seat of war, which will prevent that quiet and uninterrupted attention to the public business which should ever prevail in the great continental council:

*Resolved*, That this Congress be for the present adjourned to the town of Baltimore in the state of Maryland, to meet on the 20th instant, unless a sufficient number to make a Congress shall be there sooner assembled; and that until the Congress shall otherwise order, general Washington be possessed of full power to order and direct all things relative to the department and to the operations of war: and that the several matters to this day referred be postponed to the day to which Congress is adjourned.

## B A L T I M O R E.

FRIDAY, *December 20, 1776.*

Congress met according to adjournment.

The delegates from Georgia produced the credentials of their appointment, which were read as follows:

“In Convention, Savannah, October 9, 1776. The convention proceeded to ballot for delegates to represent this state in the Continental Congress for the year ensuing; when on closing the poll it appeared that John Houston, Lyman Hall, Button Gwinnet, George Walton, and Nathan Brownson, esquires, were duly elected and declared so accordingly.

A true copy from the minutes,

“Edward Langworthy, secretary.”

Sundry letters were laid before Congress and read; viz.

Three from general Washington, of the 12th, 13th, and 15th:

One of the 13th from general Sullivan:

Four from R. Morris at Philadelphia, of the 13th, 14th, 16th and 17th:

One of the 8th from general Wooster:

*Ordered*, That they be referred to a committee of four:

The members chosen, Mr. R. H. Lee, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Harrison, and Mr. S. Adams.

*Resolved*,



*Resolved*, That Benjamin Griffith be appointed to supply the prisoners from North-Carolina with provisions, cloathing, blankets and fuel sufficient to protect them from the inclemency of the weather; and that the apartments in which they are confined be glazed, and in other respects secured from the weather, so that the health of the prisoners may be preserved, and they experience that humanity which hath ever marked the conduct of this Congress to its prisoners.

*Resolved*, That the president write to general Washington, and desire him to send a flag to general Howe, and inquire in what manner general Lee, who has been taken prisoner, is treated: and if he finds that he is not treated agreeable to his rank and character, to send a remonstrance to general Howe on the subject; and farther, to inquire of general Howe whether he will grant permission to send general Lee such supplies of money as may be necessary to support him during his confinement in a manner suitable to his rank in the service of the United States:

That the president also write to Mr. R. Morris, and request him to send one hundred half-johannes to general Washington for the use of general Lee.

The several matters to this day referred being postponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

SATURDAY, December 21, 1776.

A letter of the 1st of October last from S. Deane, esq; also one of the 19th from the committee of Frederick county, with sundry resolutions passed by the said committee respecting the marching of the militia of that county to join general Washington, were read.

Congress being informed that a number of prisoners were arrived at Baltimore from Philadelphia;

*Resolved*, That the committee of Baltimore town be requested to secure in a convenient room under a guard, the said prisoners, except the two Goodrich's, who are to be committed to jail; that Mr. B. Griffith be impowered to supply them with provisions and other things absolutely necessary for them until farther orders of Congress.

*Resolved*, That 6000 dollars be advanced to colonel Thomas Price for the purpose of recruiting his battalion; he to be accountable.

The committee of treasury reported, that they have had under consideration the account of colonel W. Richardson for guarding the continental treasury from Philadelphia to Baltimore; that the expence of the guard, with provender for the teams, amounts to 378.83 dollars; that he credits

300 dollars received by a warrant on the treasurer, and that there remains due to the said colonel W. Richardson 78.83 dollars:

*Ordered*, That the said account be paid.

A letter of the 15th from general Armstrong at Philadelphia was read;

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the board of war.

The committee to whom were referred the letters from general Washington and Mr. Morris, brought in a report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon

*Resolved*, That proper magazines of provisions for the army be immediately formed in or near Pennsylvania, and that Congress approve of the general's sending general Armstrong to fix upon the most secure and convenient places for such magazines, to animate the militia, and facilitate the recruiting service in Pennsylvania:

That Congress approve of general Washington's sending general Smallwood to Maryland to encourage and promote the speedy raising of the new levies therein; and that general Smallwood be requested to use his utmost endeavours in executing that business:

That Robert Morris, George Clymer, and George Walton, esquires, be a committee of Congress, with powers to execute such continental business as may be proper and necessary to be done at Philadelphia:

That 200,000 dollars be immediately sent to Mr. J. Mease, subject to the disposition of the said committee, for providing the militia going into service; for paying the soldiers from Ticonderoga, and for such other public uses as they shall think proper:

That if the above sum should be insufficient, the said committee have power to call on the commissioner of the loan-office in Pennsylvania for such farther sums as the continental service there may demand:

That the said committee keep up a regular correspondence with Congress, informing them from time to time of their proceedings herein:

That the resolve respecting the appointment of this committee and its powers be transitted to Messieurs Morris, Clymer and Walton by Mr. President; and that he inform the said gentlemen that Congress approve their care of the public business as signified in Mr. Morris's letters. Also, that Mr. Morris be informed Congress highly approve his plan of fitting the continental frigates at Philadelphia regularly for sea, with all possible expedition:

That Mr. secretary Peters be directed by the board of war to repair to Baltimore as soon as possible.

*Resolved*,

*Resolved*, That 19,000 dollars be advanced to Mr. John Boyd, paymaster of colonel Mackay's battalion, for the use of the said battalion; he to be accountable.

*Resolved*, That two chaplains be appointed to Congress, and that Monday next be assigned for electing them.

Congress took into consideration the letter from the committee of Frederick county; whereupon

*Resolved*, That 18,000 dollars be transmitted to the committee of Frederick, for the use of the militia of the counties of Frederick, Washington and Montgomery, who march to reinforce general Washington; the said committee to be accountable; that the said committee transmit to general Washington a particular account of the money advanced to the militia.

*Resolved*, That officers of troops enlisted for three years or during the war, receive pay on the new establishment from the time of their being appointed by their respective states, in consequence of the resolution of Congress passed the 16th of September last.

*Resolved*, That such alteration be made in the rations of the virginia troops as the governor and council of that state shall direct, provided the expence does not exceed that of the ration established for the continental army.

*Resolved*, That 3000 dollars be advanced to colonel W. Richardson, for the purpose of recruiting his regiment; he to be accountable.

*Resolved*, That Mr. Hooper be empowered to examine into the state of the North-Carolina prisoners, and have such of them as are sick removed to a private house and kept under guard; and that he provide a physician to attend them.

*Resolved*, That general Washington be directed to pay the militia that may reinforce his army, in the same manner as his other troops are paid; and that on their discharge one penny a mile be allowed in lieu of rations to support them on their march to their respective places of abode.

The several matters to this day referred being postponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock on Monday.

MONDAY, December 23, 1776.

Agreeable to the order of the day Congress elected the reverend Mr. P. Allison and the reverend Mr. W. White, chaplains.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Witherspoon, Mr. S. Adams, and Mr. Hooper inform the said gentlemen of their appointment, and desire their attendance.

Mr. Hooper having reported that the present situation  
of



of the prisoners is very disagreeable and dangerous to their health on account of the prison being much out of repair; it was thereupon

*Resolved*, That until the apartments in the jail of the town of Baltimore shall be repaired, and put in such a condition as not to endanger the health of those who may be confined in them, the prisoners from the state of North-Carolina be removed from thence to different rooms in the court-house, or wherever else they can be procured, and there safely locked up and secured; and that the committee of inspection of the said town be requested to direct proper apartments for their reception, and from time to time keep up a good and sufficient guard over them; and in order to secure them more effectually, that the prisoners, agreeable to their own voluntary proposal, shall be upon their parole not to make any attempts to escape from confinement, nor interfere in the present war with Great-Britain by carrying on any correspondence, conversation, or otherwise with the enemies of America; and that during their confinement Benjamin Griffith, who by a late resolve of Congress was directed to supply the prisoners when confined in jail, continue to supply and accommodate them with necessaries for their support.

*Resolved*, That Robert Patton be appointed door-keeper, and James Long messenger, to Congress.

*Resolved*, That to-morrow be assigned for appointing skillful persons to be sent to examine the Salisbury and Mr. Livingston's foundries, agreeable to the resolution of the 28th of November last.

*Resolved*, That Mr. John Boyd, the paymaster of colonel Mackay's battalion, be impowered to receive from Mr. William Smith at Hanover, such a number of shoes as may be wanted for the use of the said battalion.

*Resolved*, That the assemblies, conventions, committees or councils of safety, and other persons that are or may be intrusted with money for the militia reinforcing the armies of the United States, transmit the receipts of the officers receiving the same to the paymaster or deputy paymaster general of the respective armies; who are hereby directed to make proper stoppages and give certificates of the delivery of such receipts, specifying therein the names of the persons signing them, the dates and sums mentioned in the same, and the persons to whom the receipts were given; which certificates shall be received by the commissioners of the treasury as sufficient vouchers for discharging the respective accounts from the sums expressed in the same.

The several matters to this day referred being postponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY,



TUESDAY, December 24, 1776.

A letter of the 20th from the council of safety of Pennsylvania; one of the 21st from Mr. R. Morris; one of the 10th from general Schuyler, with sundry papers inclosed, were received and read;

*Resolved*, That the last be referred to the committee on the affairs of the northern army.

*Resolved*, That two members be added to the said committee:

The members chosen, Mr. Heyward and Mr. Whipple.

*Resolved*, That 200,000 dollars be advanced to the council of safety of Pennsylvania, for the public service; the said council to be accountable.

*Resolved*, That Mr. Hillegas, the treasurer, be impowered to employ proper persons to sign the bills which remain unsigned in the treasury, and that he return their names to Congress.

*Resolved*, That a letter be immediately written by Mr. President to the assemblies of New-Hampshire, Massachusetts-Bay and Connecticut, informing them of the critical state of the fortress of Ticonderoga and the other posts in that quarter; and the extreme danger of general Carlton's possessing himself of that fortress as soon as lake Champlain shall be so frozen as to be capable of bearing horses: that, by a letter from general Schuyler, Congress is informed that the troops now occupying those posts will not tarry after the 31st of this month; and in the most pressing terms urging the necessity of hastening up troops from their respective states with the utmost dispatch, in the following proportions, viz. 2500 from Massachusetts-Bay, 1500 from Connecticut, and 500 from New-Hampshire, making 4500; informing them that Congress desire they will not wait till the several corps are compleated; and that there is now a plentiful stock of provisions at Ticonderoga, and nothing to fear from the enemy till the lake shall be frozen as above mentioned.

*Resolved*, That two members be added to the committee appointed on the 17th of October, for the better regulating the treasury board:

The members chosen, Mr. Nelson and Mr. Ellery.

*Resolved*, That 533.30 dollars be advanced to Thomas Nichols, deputy quartermaster general, for the public service, and charged to the account of brigadier general Mifflin, quartermaster general, to whom said Nichols, who is an officer in his department, is to be accountable.

Sundry french letters were laid before Congress, and read;

*Ordered*,

*Ordered*, That the said letters be referred to the committee for procuring cannon.

*Resolved*, That a member be added to the said committee :  
The member chosen, Mr. Lewis.

*Resolved*, That two other magazines of ammunition, in addition to that agreed to on the 21st, be formed, one in the eastern states, and one in the southern states :

*Ordered*, That the delegates of the eastern states confer together, and also those of the southern states, and fix upon proper places, and report to Congress on Thursday next.

The several matters to this day referred being postponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock on Thursday next.

THURSDAY, December 26, 1776.

Sundry letters were read, viz,

One of the 16th from general Washington, with an extract of a letter from commissary general Trumbull :

One of the 13th from commissary general Trumbull at Morristown :

One of the 8th from governor Cooke :

One of the 20th from general Washington, with a plan for the establishment of artillery, and a memorandum :

One of the 21st from general N. Green :

Two of the 22d from the council of safety of Pennsylvania, with sundry letters from Ticonderoga :

One of the 2d from colonel Anthony Wayne at Ticonderoga, with sundry papers inclosed :

One of the 6th from colonel J. Wood at ditto :

One of the 23d from Samuel Washington of Berkely county, Virginia :

One of the 10th from colonel John Brown of Albany, with papers inclosed :

Also a letter from Donald M'Leod, Alexander M'Leod, Kenneth M'Donald, and a petition from Thomas Slater, prisoners.

*Resolved*, That 400,000 dollars be advanced to Joseph Trumbull, esquire, commissary general ; he to be accountable.

*Resolved*, That J. Trumbull, esquire, commissary general, be impowered to import, at the continental risque, from Virginia and Maryland, and the other southern states, such quantities of flour and other provisions as he may judge necessary for the support of the army.

*Resolved*, That the delegates of Virginia be impowered and directed to write to the governor and council of their state, and request them to contract with proper persons, for

for the delivery of 10,000 barrels of flour on James's, York, Rapahannock, and Potowmack rivers, to the order of Joseph Trumbull, commissary general, or of a larger quantity, should he require a farther supply; the said Joseph Trumbull to send vessels to take it in, and to pay for, or draw orders on the president of Congress for the payment of the same.

*Ordered*, That the letters read be referred to a committee of the whole.

Congress then resolved itself into a committee of the whole to take into consideration the letters; and after some time spent thereon, the president resumed the chair, and Mr. Harrison reported, that the committee have had under consideration the letters to them referred, but not having had time to finish, desire leave to sit again to-morrow at ten o'clock.

*Resolved*, That this Congress will to-morrow at ten o'clock resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into farther consideration the letters read this day.

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to take into consideration, the state of the army, and report thereon to-morrow morning:

The members chosen, Mr. Richard H. Lee, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. S. Adams.

*Resolved*, That a committee of five be appointed to prepare a plan for the better conducting the executive business of Congress, by boards composed of persons, not members of Congress:

The members chosen, Mr. Whipple, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Gerry, Mr. Nelson, and Mr. Morris.

The several matters to this day referred being postponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, December 27, 1776.

*Resolved*, That 3333.30 dollars be advanced to Mr. James Nourse for the use of the militia of Berkly and Frederic counties, in Virginia, who are about to march to reinforce general Washington, the said Mr. J. Nourse to be accountable for the expenditure.

*Resolved*, That the resolution passed the 3d of December, granting a pair of shoes and stockings to the militia of Pennsylvania, and the same rations and monthly pay as the other troops on the continental establishment, to commence from the time of their inrollment, be extended to the virginia militia, who march to reinforce general Washington.

Sundry letters were read, viz.

One of the 23d from Mr. R. Morris:

One of the 3d from general Schuyler at Saratoga:

One from Henricus Gode of St. Eustatiae of November 30th:



One of the 18th from Richard Dallam, deputy paymaster general, at Newtown in Bucks county, Pennsylvania :

One of the 5th from Jonathan Trumbull :

One of the 25th of November from Joseph Trumbull :

Also a petition from Faneuil and others, to the assembly of Massachusetts-Bay, and a resolution passed by the said assembly in consequence thereof.

The committee on the state of the army, brought in a report, which was taken into consideration ; whereupon

*Resolved*, That a brigadier-general of artillery be appointed, and the ballots being taken,

Colonel Henry Knox was elected.

*Resolved*, That general Washington be impowered to use every endeavour, by giving bounties and otherwise, to prevail upon the troops, whose term of enlistment will expire at the end of the month, to stay with the army so long after that period, as its situation shall render their stay necessary :

That the new levies in Virginia, Maryland, the Delaware state, Pennsylvania, and New-Jersey, be ordered to march by companies, and parts of companies, as fast as they shall be raised, and join the army under general Washington with the utmost dispatch :

That the foregoing resolution be transmitted by the president to the executive powers of the states before mentioned, who are requested to carry it into execution ; to appoint commissaries to precede the troops, and procure provision for them on their march ; and that they be impowered to draw money for this purpose from the nearest continental paymaster :

That general Washington be impowered to appoint a commissary of prisoners, and a clothier general for supplying the army ; to fix their salaries, and return their names to Congress :

That general Washington be requested to fix upon that system of promotion in the continental army, which in his opinion, and that of the general officers with him, will produce most general satisfaction ; that it be suggested to him, whether a promotion of field officers in the colonial line, and of captains and subalterns in the regimental line, would not be the most proper :

That Congress approve of general Washington's directing the quartermaster general to provide teams for each regiment, and for other necessary purposes :

That the 2d and 7th virginia regiments, with all the convalescents from the other corps left in that state, and now fit for duty, be ordered to march and join the army under general Washington, with the utmost dispatch, leaving the arms that they have at present with the governor and council of that state, as they will be provided with others at the head of elk :

That



That three of the regiments upon the new establishment in North-Carolina, be ordered to march immediately to join general Washington :

That the state of Virginia be impowered to call into service, at the continental expence, three regiments of militia, or minute men, if such a measure shall by that state be judged necessary :

The unjust, but determined purpose of the british court to enslave these free states, obvious through every delusive insinuation to the contrary, having placed things in such a situation that the very existence of civil liberty now depends on the right execution of military powers, and the vigorous decisive conduct of these being impossible to distant, numerous and deliberative bodies :

This Congress, having maturely considered the present crisis, and having perfect reliance on the wisdom, vigour and uprightness of general Washington ; do hereby

*Resolved*, That general Washington shall be, and he is hereby vested with full, ample, and complete powers to raise and collect together in the most speedy and effectual manner, from any or all of these United States, sixteen battalions of infantry in addition to those already voted by Congress ; to appoint officers for the said battalions ; to raise, officer, and equip 3000 light horse ; three regiments of artillery, and a corps of engineers ; and to establish their pay : to apply to any of the states for such aid of the militia as he shall judge necessary ; to form such magazines of provisions, and in such places as he shall think proper ; to displace and appoint all officers under the rank of brigadier general, and to fill up all vacancies in every other department in the American armies ; to take, wherever he may be, whatever he may want for the use of the army, if the inhabitants will not sell it, allowing a reasonable price for the same ; to arrest and confine persons who refuse to take the continental currency, or are otherwise disaffected to the American cause ; and return to the states, of which they are citizens, their names, and the nature of their offences, together with the witnesses to prove them :

That the foregoing powers be vested in general Washington, for and during the term of six months from the date hereof, unless sooner determined by Congress.

*Resolved*, That the council of safety of Pennsylvania be requested to take the most vigorous and speedy measures for punishing all such as shall refuse continental currency ; and that the general be directed to give all necessary aid to the council of safety, for carrying their measures on this subject into effectual execution.

Mr. Hillegas having returned the names of persons by him employed to superintend the press ; and to sign the bills of credit, they were agreed to ; and are,                      Superinten-

Superintendants of the preſs, Thomas HARRISON, William SMITHE, and John MERRYMAN, junior:

Signers of money. William ASQUITH, John GRIFFITH, HERCULES COURTNEY, John COCKEY, James KELSE, Richard CROMMELL, James COLHOURN, George WELSH, Theodore BARRELL, Thomas DONNELLAN, John BOYD, Benjamin LEVY, Samuel HILLEGAS, and William GOVETT.

*Resolved*, That 266.60 dollars be advanced to John Griffith, for the uſe of the ſick ſoldiers in Baltimore he to be accountable.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred being poſtponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

SATURDAY, December 28, 1776.

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to prepare a circular letter to the ſeveral United States, explaining the reaſons which induced Congreſs to enlarge the powers of general WASHINGTON, and requeſting them to co-operate with him, and give him all the aid in their power:

The members choſen, Mr. R. H. LEE, Mr. WILSON and Mr. ADAMS.

*Resolved*, That the five millions of dollars, which by the reſolution of the 2d of November laſt the treasury board were ordered to prepare and have ready for emiſſion, be now emitted on the faith of the United States.

*Resolved*, That the council of ſafety of the ſtate of Maryland be, and they are hereby requeſted, to furniſh Mr. John Griffith with fifty blankets for the uſe of the ſick ſoldiers in Baltimore, who ſtand in immediate need thereof.

*Resolved*, That 400 dollars be advanced to colonel CARVILL HALL, for the uſe of his battalion; he to be accountable.

The committee to whom the report of the gentlemen who were directed to repair to Ticonderoga and the papers therein mentioned, were referred, brought in a report, which was taken into conſideration; whereupon

*Resolved*, That, in the opinion of Congreſs, the northern army may be ſupplied more advantageouſly and conveniently; in the preſent mode of the commiſſary general's governing himſelf by ſuch regulations as have been, and may be, from time to time, ordained by the general or commander in chief, than by contractors:

That the commiſſary general be directed, without fail, to ſupply the northern army this winter with vegetables twice in every week, or more frequently if poſſible; and to take effectual meaſures that they be well ſupplied with vinegar:

That two large floating batteries be built on lake Champlain, to cover the boom and the bridge; and that general SCHUYLER be deſired to contract with builders for this purpoſe in New York or Maſſachuſetts-Bay, or both, and that general SCHUYLER provide the materials: That

That the committee for supplying cannon be directed to procure ten brass 6 inch howitzers, with shells and a proper attrail, for the use of the northern army:

That a fort be constructed on mount Independence: that the navigation of the lake near that place be obstructed by cassoons, to be sunk in the water at small distances from one another, and joined together by string-pieces, so as, at the same time, to serve for a bridge between the fortifications on the east and west side: that to prevent the enemy from drawing their small craft over land beyond three mile point into lake George, the passage of that lake be also obstructed in like manner by cassoons from island to island in the narrows, if practicable, or by floating batteries: that fort Stanwix be strengthened, and other fortifications be made at proper places near the mohawk river; and that general Schuyler, or the commanding officer of the northern army, execute these works this winter; and that the commanding officers of artillery, chief engineer, quartermaster general, and commissary general, provide and perform whatever things in their respective departments are necessary or may contribute to the accomplishment thereof:

That the general court or council of the state of Massachusetts-Bay be requested to procure such a quantity of oakum, and any other articles, as general Schuyler, who is desired to write to them on the subject, shall require; and to forward the same to such places as he shall direct:

That the board of war be empowered and directed to write to Philadelphia for accoutrements and necessaries to supply the six troops of light horse ordered from Virginia.

The several matters to this day referred being postponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SUNDAY, December 29, 1776.

*Resolved*, That the committee appointed to consider the letter from general Schuyler, dated the 10th of December, be directed to send a suitable person or persons to Mr. Livingston, owner of the foundery in the state of New-York, and to governor Trumbull, under whose direction is the foundery at Salisbury; also to the council of the state of Massachusetts-Bay; to procure such cannon and ordnance stores as are required by the general in his said letter; they being immediately necessary for the northern department.

*Resolved*, That to-morrow be assigned for appointing more general officers.

The several matters to this day referred being postponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

MONDAY, December 30, 1776.

A letter of the 21st from brigadier general Lewis was read; also two letters of the 26th and 27th from Mr. R. Morris.

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The committee appointed to consider the letters from general Schuyler, relating to the northern army, brought in a report; whereupon

*Resolved*, That general Schuyler, or the commanding officer of the northern army, be directed to cause an elaboratory to be erected at such place as he shall judge most convenient, to fix all the necessary ammunition for the ensuing campaign.

*Resolved*, That fifteen companies, consisting of a captain or overseer and thirty men each, be engaged upon such terms as general Schuyler shall think just and equitable, for the battean service; and be occasionally employed on the high ways and other works in the quartermaster general's department; and that four companies of carpenters, to consist of an overseer and twenty-five men each, be engaged in like manner to attend the northern army.

For the better regulating waggons in the northern army,

*Resolved*, That two waggons be allowed to each company on a march, and one waggon to the colonel, one to the lieutenant colonel and major, one to the staff of a regiment, and one for the particular use of the director of the hospital. Each waggon to be drawn by two horses, (except that for the colonel, which is to be allowed four horses,) and subject to such orders as shall from time to time be issued by the general or commanding officer.

*Resolved*, That if any commissioned or non-commissioned officer shall employ more carriages than are mentioned in the foregoing resolution, he shall not be allowed to make a public charge of it, but shall pay the customary price himself; and on his refusal or neglect so to do, he shall be subject to be fined by a court-martial in treble the sum; one third part of such fine to be for the use of the owner of the waggon or other carriage so employed, and the other two thirds to the paymaster for the public use; the part adjudged to the owner of the carriage shall be paid to him by any quartermaster on the certificate of the president of the court-martial, who shall transmit the whole fine to the paymaster, in order that the same may be deducted from the pay of the delinquent.

Congress being informed that some of the prisoners have broken out of jail and made their escape,

*Resolved*, That the committee of observation for Baltimore county be requested to direct immediate and strict search for the prisoners, who last night escaped from the jail in Baltimore town; and to offer a reward for the apprehending and securing the said prisoners; and that the said committee make inquiry into the conduct of the jailer, or any other person suspected of permitting or assisting their escape; and that they take such measures as they shall think proper to bring the offenders to punishment.

*Resolved*,



*Resolved*, That 200 dollars be paid into the hands of the committee appointed to consider the letter from general Schuyler of the 10th of December, for the payment of the expences of some suitable person or persons to be sent by them to Mr. Livingston, governor Trumbull, and the council of the state of Massachusetts-Bay, agreeable to a resolution passed yesterday; the said committee to be accountable.

The committee appointed to prepare a circular letter to the several states, reported a draught, which was read, amended and agreed to;

*Ordered*, That copies be made, signed by the president, and transmitted to each of the United States.

It appearing to Congress that it will be extremely difficult, if not impracticable, to supply the army of the United States with bacon, salted beef, pork, soap, tallow and candles, unless the exportation thereof be prohibited; therefore

*Resolved*, That none of the said articles, except such as may be necessary for the crew of any ship or vessel, be exported from any of these United States after the 5th day of January next, until the first day of November next, or until Congress shall take further order therein. And it is earnestly recommended to the executive powers of the several United States to see that this resolution be strictly complied with.

*Resolved*, That the board of war be impowered to agree with and employ, as an assistant clerk, Mr. Nourse, late general Lee's secretary.

The several matters to this day referred being postponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, December 31, 1776.

A letter of the 27th from general Washington, and one of the 28th from the committee of Congress at Philadelphia, with sundry papers inclosed, were read.

*Resolved*, That doctor Mackenzie be, and he is hereby authorised, to purchase such medicine as is immediately wanted for the sick soldiers belonging to the army of the United States now in Baltimore, and return an account thereof to Congress.

*Resolved*, That general Smallwood be directed to exert his utmost endeavours, and give the necessary orders and instructions to expedite the raising the levies in the state of Maryland; and that it be earnestly recommended to the legislature and council of safety, the several committees of observation, the civil, military and militia officers of said state, and every friend of liberty and the United States, to give general Smallwood every assistance in their power.

*Resolved*, That 300 dollars be advanced to lieutenant colonel

lonel Antil, of colonel Hazen's battalion, for the use of the said battalion; and that the same be charged to the account of colonel Hazen, who is to be accountable.

*Resolved*, That the requisition of general Schuyler for a supply of 60 tons of cannon powder, and 34 tons of musket powder, for the use of the northern army, be referred to general Washington; and that he be directed to furnish that army with such quantities of that article as can be spared.

*Resolved*, That the board of war be directed to inform general Washington of the quantities of gunpowder belonging to the Congress on hand in the different parts of America, as far as may have come to their knowledge.

A memorial from lieutenant colonel Antil was presented to Congress and read;

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the board of war.

A letter from William Kennon, of North-Carolina, to general Lee, was read;

*Ordered*, That it be referred to a committee of three:

The members chosen, Mr. Hooper, Mr. Heyward, and Mr. Harrison.

*Resolved*, That any restrictions heretofore imposed upon the exportation of staves and other lumber, except to Great-Britain, Ireland, and the british islands, or any place under the dominion of Great-Britain, cease.

*Resolved*, That a letter be written to general Washington, desiring him to order the clothier general to send agents into each state to buy up linens and other clothing proper for the soldiery; and that he give similar orders to the quartermaster general to pursue the same mode for procuring a sufficient quantity of tent cloth; and that they be severally directed to apply to the states to afford all necessary assistance therein. And Whereas great expence hath heretofore arisen from public agents bidding against each other: the general is desired to caution the clothier general and quartermaster general that their agents aforesaid fall not into the above mistake in time to come.

A memorial from John Matthews and others was read; also a letter from Mr. Hughes:

*Ordered*, That they be referred to the marine committee.

An appeal being lodged against the judgment of the court of admiralty for the state of Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations, on the libel Eslek Hopkins v. Richard Derby:

*Ordered*, That it be received, that it may be prosecuted before the committee on appeals.

The several matters to this day referred being postponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

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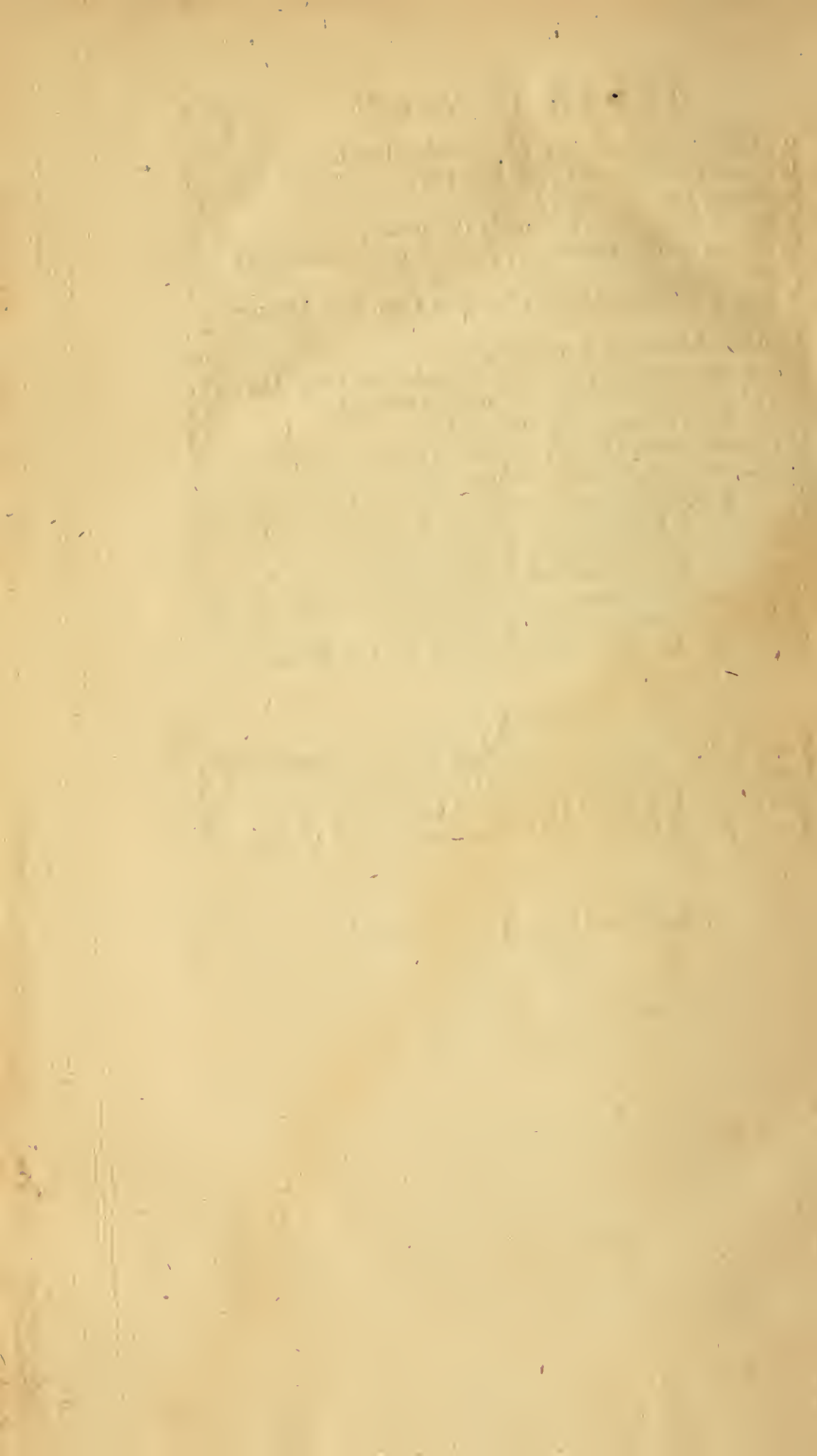
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